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(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Madison's future city hall, the Lahey Sedlack Funeral Home.

## Madison City Hall gets a new home

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Madison City Council approved Tuesday the purchase of the Lahey Sedlack Funeral Home at the corner of Seventh Street and Madison Avenue to be used as a new city hall.

The cost of the building is \$120,000. City officials plan to move both the city hall and police department to the new location. The total cost of renovation could be as high as \$407,000. Approximately \$100,000 of that would be Madison County Community Development

This (the Lahey Sedlack building) is a modern building. It has a new boiler, new air conditioning, and it can be made handicapped accessible.

— John Hamm  
Alderman

## Pontoon reinstates embattled treasurer

Mayor 'ashamed' of board

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Treasurer Judy Donaldson was reinstated by the board following heated discussion Tuesday night.

After the 4-2 vote, Mayor Glen Wilson said he was "ashamed" of the board.

Donaldson was relieved of duty Thursday by Wilson, who said she was not doing her job.

Specifically, he claimed she has repeatedly failed to mail checks on time, resulting in penalties and late payment

charges. The largest of these was an \$8,400 penalty from the Internal Revenue Service for late payment of taxes.

Before the regular meeting Tuesday, the board met in executive session to discuss Donaldson. Our treasurer has been late on practically every bill we've got," Wilson said after the regular meeting. "We have late charges, we have penalty charges, we've been threatened."

Wilson also said he had tried to deal with Donaldson. "She didn't even bother to call me back," he said. "I wrote a letter to her requesting she be at a meeting...she didn't show up. I relieved her of duty. I asked her to be here tonight, she didn't show up. I can't work with her and she's costing the village too much money."

At the regular board meeting, Wilson announced the decision, and the board discussed it for several minutes.

Several times during the discussion, Trustee Mike Macek asked Wilson to control the noise and remarks coming from the crowd.

After asking a second time, Macek motioned to adjourn the meeting.

"The issue is the mayor can't control the audience," he said.

Trustee Bob Vincent said he didn't see a problem with the audience, and Wilson said they had a right to know what was going on.

(See TREASURER, Page 3A)



Wilson

## Position could be eliminated

Debate over the village treasurer in Pontoon Beach could be a moot point if the board approves going to a comptroller-treasurer.

At Tuesday's meeting Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter said he was preparing a job description for the position, which would be full-time.

He also asked Village Attorney Keith Jensen to begin preparing an ordinance to establish the position.

If the village adopts the change, Treasurer Judy Donaldson's position would be eliminated.

On Wednesday, Falter said he hoped the board would be able to vote on the change and hire somebody "as soon as possible."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Story time** — Storyteller Naomi Gibb tells the children at Niedringhaus Elementary School in Granite City a story about a circus clown who saved the audience from a runaway lion. Helping with the story are Gibb's dog, Toby, and fifth grader Robby Steen, as the clown. See Page 5A for more photos.

## Shooting suspect a convicted felon

A 25-year-old Granite City man who allegedly shot a 16-year-old Cahokia girl in the shoulder in the Kirkpatrick Homes housing complex early Sunday is a convicted felon, police say.

William L. "Billy" Douglas Jr., of the 4500 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, was charged reckless discharge of a firearm and violation of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act in a felony warrant issued Monday. Police said Douglas, whose record includes an armed robbery conviction, shot the 16-year-old once in the

shoulder at 2:27 a.m. Sunday at an apartment in the 4200 block of Kirkpatrick Homes.

Bond of the warrant is \$50,000. Douglas turned himself in to police shortly after the shooting and said it was an accident.

The victim, a Cahokia girl who police say is now living in the housing complex with her boyfriend, was listed in good condition Monday at St. Louis University Hospital (See SUSPECT, Page 3A)

## Fiery issue: Leaf burning heats up

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City residents are a step closer to watching their leaf problems go up in smoke.

But some aldermen say that is a step in the wrong direction.

While an 8½-year-old girl stood before them breathing through a respirator, members of the Granite City Council voted 10-4 Tuesday night to direct the city attorney staff to prepare an ordinance allowing limited leaf burning.

Burning leaves has been prohibited in Granite City for three years. During that time, the city has developed a leaf collection program that includes a drop-off site and three pieces of heavy machinery that collect leaves from curbs.

Ward 2 Alderman Brian Fuzessery, who proposed

allowing burning during limited times, said the measure is designed to save the city about \$100,000 and to provide a convenient alternative for residents.

"I know I'm going to take a lot of heat for this, but when we can save that kind of money, we ought to look into it," Fuzessery said.

He said his proposal would (See BURNING, Page 3A)



Fuzessery



Tarpoff

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## Best Bet

Pastor Eddie Linhart started Foursquare Church with about three families in 1969.

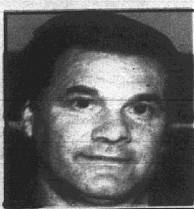
Today, the church at 12th Street and Meridian Avenue operates one of the largest food pantries in the nation and boasts more than 200 members.

"It's still growing and the Lord is still blessing us," Linhart said.

Linhart was voted the best pastor by Granite City Press-Record and Journal readers in this month's Best bet balloting.

In addition to preaching, being a successful pastor requires hospital visits, counseling and tending to the needs of the flock, he said.

"A pastor is on call 24 hours a day. It's a full-time job."

The Rev. Eddie Linhart  
Pastor of Foursquare

## Student absent at hearing; expulsion decision delayed

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A 15-year-old who allegedly brought a loaded .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol to Granite City High School Oct. 13 avoided expulsion Tuesday night.

But school officials say it is only a matter of time before some action — probably expulsion — is taken.

"We took no action because the student has a legal right to attend the disciplinary hearing and he was in the (Madison County) juvenile home," said School Board member Rick Dickerson.

While the school board met in executive session to consider expulsion Tuesday night, a decision will not be made until the student has the opportunity to appear, Dickerson said.

The boy's parents attended the meeting accompanied by legal counsel.

"We agreed to take it up at our next meeting," Dickerson said.

Tom Holloway, director of secondary education for the school district, said that the gun was discovered in the boy's gym (See EXPULSION, Page 3A)

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

### Pontoon treasurer fired

Pontoon Beach Treasurer Judy Donaldson was fired early Thursday morning by Mayor Glen Wilson.

Wilson would not give a specific reason for the action, but Donaldson has been criticized by some trustees in recent weeks because of problems with the Internal Revenue Service and problems with the village's audit.

### Wolf replaces Maxwell at BAC

Bob Maxwell is out and former State Rep. Sam Wolf is in on the Belleville Area College Board of Trustees.

Maxwell resigned from the board Wednesday night because he is moving out of his BAC sub-district. Wolf was named his replacement on Maxwell's recommendation.

Maxwell served on the BAC board since 1990.

### Neighborhood Watch begun

Residents of the Grenzer-Garesche Homes in Madison are learning to work together and a Neighborhood Watch program is one of the results.

On Oct. 13, residents — along with Madison police and other supporters — held a candlelight parade to kick off the program.

### Man charged in rape

A South Roxana man has been charged in the Oct. 8 abduction and rape of a Granite City woman.

Mark A. McGuire, 35, of the 200 block of Illinois Street, was arrested late Tuesday afternoon at his home by Madison police.

He is alleged to have abducted a woman at gunpoint in the downtown Granite City area, taken her to Madison and raped her.

### District seeks support

The group looking into the creation of an ambulance district in the Long Lake and Mitchell fire protection districts is reaching out to the community for more input.

Marvin Ribbing, chairman of the committee, said letters would be sent out to churches and civic organizations asking them to send representatives to the group's meetings.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Mitchell Fire Station Number Two.

He also said the group hopes to get a referendum to create an ambulance district on the spring ballot.

### Auditor scolds Pontoon Beach

Pontoon Beach needs to have tighter control of its financial situation, according to a report by auditors.

A formal bookkeeping system, better control of records and tighter control of who handles money received by the village were among 13 recommendations made in a letter to the village from auditor Daniel Donohoo.

Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter said several of those recommendations have already been put into place, and his committee will be considering the rest in the near future.

### District's grades no surprise

There were no surprises in this year's report card for the Madison School District.

The reports showed the district's students performed below the state averages in almost every category. Two of the reasons for this were a percentage of low-income students and a student mobility rate at more than twice the state average.

Approximately 83.7 percent of the district's students are considered low income, compared to 34 percent for the state.

Generally, the number of students in the district that met state goals on tests administered last year was near the state average. The major difference is that the number of students in the district who exceed those goals was much lower than average.

### Warrior kickers finish season

The Granite City Warriors completed their regular soccer season in style Thursday, defeating St. Louis University High 1-0 in a non-conference game at SLUH.

The second season — the state playoff tournament — has begun.

When the Warriors defeated SLUH last year in their regular season finale, it gave them a boost of momentum that carried them all the way to the state championship game.

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## Two shot in park

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As long as people go to Eagle Park to buy drugs, some of them are probably going to continue to be shot, according to Madison County Sheriff's Department officials.

In the latest drug-related shooting Monday evening, two Madison men were charged with multiple felonies in a shooting that left one of two victims in intensive care.

Lowell D. Newsome, 22, and Anthony C. Glover, 25, were each charged Tuesday with two counts of aggravated battery with a firearm, and one count each of aggravated discharge of a firearm and violation of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

The victims were reported to be in an area hospital, one in intensive care. However, the hospital would not confirm this.

Glover turned himself in to the Sheriff's Department Tuesday afternoon and was in custody at the Madison County jail, while Newsome had not been apprehended as of Wednesday, and is considered a fugitive, said Capt. Robert Hertz.

Bond has been set at \$250,000 for both.

A third suspect — a 16-year-old juvenile — has also been arrested and is in custody at the juvenile detention facility.

"This is a very clear case of people going into Eagle Park to buy drugs," Hertz said.

The two victims admitted to police that they and a third man were attempting to purchase crack cocaine when the deal went sour.

According to the Sheriff's Department reports, at approximately 10:08 p.m. Monday, they received a 911 call reporting shots being fired in Eagle Park area outside of Madison.

While enroute to the scene, uniformed deputies received information from the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City that two men had just been brought in with gunshot wounds.

When officers arrived at the hospital, they were told by the victims — ages 34 and 23 — that they went to the area to purchase crack cocaine.

While negotiating a price, one of three people they were talking to demanded money from one of the victims. The man refused and an argument started and at least one of the men pulled a weapon and started shooting into the car.

As the victims drove away, the shooter continued firing at their vehicle. The driver was not hit, but both passengers were struck in the back.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Where there's smoke** — Thick smoke from a brush fire in a vacant field off of Old Alton Road in unincorporated Chouteau Township filled the northern sky Tuesday afternoon. The Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the blaze.

## Pontoon police brass may get ax

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A proposal to trim the top brass at the Pontoon Beach police department was tabled after the chairmen of the police and personnel committees objected.

The two, Trustees Bob Abel and Bob Vincent, respectively, said they had not been told of the proposed resolution.

It would eliminate the position of assistant chief, one captain and one lieutenant. At this time the assistant chief and one captain's position are unfilled.

After the resolution was read and Trustee Mike Macek motioned to approve it, Vincent and Abel moved to table it until the next meeting.

Macek said later that the department was top heavy.

"They've been operating without an assistant chief for almost a year," he said.

"There comes a point when you have too many chiefs and not enough Indians," he said.

The second lieutenant's position would be eliminated through attrition, Macek said.

Vincent accused Macek of acting on a "whim," while Macek said Vincent has not had a committee meeting since the spring election.

Police Chief Michael Crouch said the board could do what it wanted.

"I guess they can do what they want to do, but am I happy with it — no," he said. "They think we're a little bit top heavy, but I don't think so."

Crouch said he would like to fill the assistant chief's spot, but Mayor Glen Wilson must make the appointment.

### Bridge closing

The McKinley Bridge will close for about 12 hours Saturday.

Construction on the bridge is scheduled from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The bridge will be closed while the repairs are being made, and re-open sometime after 6 p.m.

The board also approved three other resolutions.

The first was passed at the request of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and dealt with the excavation of a ditch along Illinois 111.

The second was a resolution from the Illinois Municipal League supporting the drafting of a constitutional amendment on unfunded state mandates.

The third allowed the village to begin using a building permit information sheet.

In other business, the board approved a business license application for a mortgage brokerage company by John Burns and Barbara Barthi, both of Edwardsville.

The two are planning to locate the business — Mortgage Managers Inc., at the Omni Bank, 5111 Illinois 111.

## Pastor best bet ballot

The following people received votes for best pastor in this month's Best bet voting:

Eddie Linhart, GC Foursquare Church, 1200 Meridian Ave.....	97
Wayne Musatics, Central Baptist Church, 3940 Highway 111	95
Lewis Trotter, First Presbyterian, 2160 Delmar Ave.....	79
Carl Watkins, First Baptist Church, 2041 Delmar Ave.....	35
Mike Hopkins, City Temple, 4751 Maryville Rd.....	34
Mark Skyles, Trinity Tabernacle, 2001 Sixth.....	33
Ben Leonard, First Assembly of God, 24th and Grand Ave.....	22
David Tyler, Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave.....	19
Bob Jones, First Baptist Church, 2041 Delmar Ave.....	17
Roy Boyer, Harvest Assembly, 4651 Highway 162.....	13
Bill Falkenkeller, Holy Family, 2806 Washington Ave.....	9
Fred Boatright, Calvary Baptist Church, 3000 Washington Ave.....	3
Leon Bell, Bethel Chapel, 2445 Ohio Ave.....	3
Mark Maynard, Calvary Pentecostal Assembly Church.....	3
Maryville Rd.....	3
Jeff Burt, Trinity United Methodist, East 25th and Henry.....	1
David Fielding, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash.....	1
Robert DeGrand, St. Elizabeth Catholic, 2300 Pontoon Road.....	1
Allen Reiter, St. John UCC, 2901 Nameoki Road.....	1
Ed Hart, Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111.....	1

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**Hose down** — A pumper truck from the Granite City Fire Department sprays water mist over the former site of the Leader building downtown to control the brick dust produced by its demolition. Windy weather last week had thrown much of it into the air.

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## Granite City may follow Alton to dirty work

An official from Norton Environmental said Granite City may follow Alton's lead and approve a recycling contract, paving the way for a mixed-waste plant in Wood River.

Louis Perez, vice president of marketing for Norton, said Tuesday that Granite City officials appeared to be waiting for a decision in Alton before voting on a contract for a mixed-waste facility, or dirty work.

Perez said he was happy the Alton City Council approved a contract in committee Monday that would send 17,000 tons of trash annually to the dirty work in the Lewis and Clark EnviroTech Industrial Park in Wood River.

If the Alton City Council gives final approval at its

meeting tonight, it will be the first Madison County community to approve such a deal with Norton.

Norton officials said they need firm commitments from several Madison County communities to make the trash recycling plant economically feasible. Granite City would be a major part of the business that would make the plant possible, officials have said.

"We've been getting positive responses but no firm decision yet," Perez said.

Several Granite City aldermen have inspected a Norton mixed waste merf in Ohio. While members of the City Council's Sanitation Committee have said they are leaning towards a commitment to Norton, and several of them informally discussed Tuesday night

a *Telegraph* story reporting Alton's apparent decision, no final decision for Granite City has been made.

Granite City recently approved a one-year extension of its trash hauling contract with Waste Management of Metro East.

Officials from Norton and Alton had been working since June on the contract. A major goal of Mayor Bob Towse was to keep the cost increase per household to \$2 a month or less, and the contract given unanimous preliminary approval Monday would result in a \$1.95 increase.

"I really have to credit the Alton mayor and his staff. It is due to their efforts and the hard work of the aldermen that we were able to come up with this contract," Perez said.

## •Building—

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unanswered questions. "If they want to do it right go for a public hearing and let the citizens participate in the spending of \$120,000," he said.

Part of the reason for the purchase was to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The city had planned to install an elevator at the present city hall, and had received \$125,000 in community development money for the project.

However, the cost of the project came in higher than expected, and architects had some problems tying the elevator into the building.

The council was recently informed that the remaining \$107,000 could be used toward renovations in the new building if those renovations were necessary to comply with the ADA.

Alderman John Hamm said the board's Finance and Building and Lands committees looked at both the new building and renovating the present city hall, which was built in 1907.

Hamm said a "fact-finding" Hamm said. "Both on cost to run this building here, and the cost to redo the police station."

"This (the Lahey Sedlack building) is a modern building," he said. "It has a new boiler, new air conditioning, and it can be made handicapped accessible."

"If we do the purchase and renovation will be financed through Magna Bank over a 15-year period. "It will probably run us about \$2,900 per month to make that happen," Hamm said.

He added that the city will be receiving about \$25,000 per month in tax revenue from lands annexed in St. Clair County. Those funds became available as a result of a recently settled lawsuit.



A grisly scene from last year's haunted house

## Price Support Center hosts haunted house

The Charles Melvin Price Support Center will host the fifth annual youth services teen club Halloween haunted house. The haunted house will be open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28.

The haunted house is located the recreation building on Third Street at the center.

The cost is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults, with all proceeds going toward teen programming. For information contact the youth center at 452-4332.

## •Expulsion—

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locker Oct. 13 after another student told school officials about the weapon.

Holloway said the student did not threaten to use the weapon.

Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the boy told police that he took the weapon to the school to protect himself because he was threatened by alleged gang members.

The boy has been charged as an adult with unlawful use of a weapon.

State law calls for a year-long expulsion for students caught with a gun at school.

Holloway said the administration will seek the maximum penalty for the youth.

While students have brought unloaded guns and starter pistols to GCMS in the past, this is the first case of a student being caught with a loaded, working gun, Holloway said.

## •Burning—

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allow residents to burn leaves during limited hours three days a week. The projecting leaves would result from reduced tipping fees at landfills and reduced manpower costs associated with the city's leaf collection program.

If leaves are not removed in some manner, they can eventually end up in the city's catch basins and clog up the sewer system.

But Alderman Craig Tarpo, also representing the 2nd Ward, opposed Fuzessery's leaf burning proposal for environmental and health reasons. Tarpo questioned the financial savings that would result from burning.

"What else comes with the limited burning? Will the street department still pick up leaves? Will we still maintain a leaf dropoff site? Is it a real savings?" Tarpo asked.

Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin said he would continue to provide those services if burning is allowed.

Fire Chief Keith Talley said allowing leaf burning provides "job security for the firefighters."

"A progressive fire department likes to stress (fire) prevention rather than suppression. This is a step backward," Talley said.

Ward 2 Alderman Kim Affolter agreed.

"FOUR YEARS AGO, (the City Council) took a deep breath and did something no other council in the area had the guts to do: ban burning," Affolter said.

She said the \$100,000 projected savings is "a drop in the bucket" for the city.

"If we save it under the street department budget, we'll probably be spending it in the fire department budget," Affolter said.

Ward 4 Alderman Nancy Sanders, principal at Lake Elementary School, said she is concerned about the effect burning may have on children's health.

"Companies have to spend

hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up the air... It is not fair to force industry to pay to clean up the air and then pollute it with leaf smoke," Sanders said.

Alderman Foster Frederick, also representing the 4th Ward, disagreed with Sanders.

"The curbs are already overflowing with leaves. We can save the taxpayers' money and our street department employees can be doing other work," Frederick said.

Ward 6 Alderman Mac Warfield agreed with Frederick, noting that the city's leaf pickup program significantly depletes the street department staff available for other projects.

WHILE THE DEBATE continued, an 8½-year-old girl listened while breathing through a respirator. The girl did not need the respirator at the moment, her mother said.

The mother — who asked that the girl's name not be used so that she is not ridiculed at school — said that the girl needed to use the respirator every two or three hours four years ago, when the city allowed leaf burning.

"Now she can control it with an inhaler," the mother said.

Voting in favor of the motion were Fuzessery, Frederick, Warfield and aldermen Casmer Skubish, Eddie Asadorian, Bob Page, Bob Shipley, Lurton Pulley, Alan Crider and Bob Cook.

Tarpo, Affolter, Sanders and Alderman Mike Petro voted against the measure.

An ordinance will be prepared by the city attorney staff for council consideration at its next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 8.

## •Suspect—

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where she was transferred by helicopter Sunday.

Officers arriving at the scene of the shooting reported finding the victim sitting in a chair with a single gunshot wound in her shoulder. A 21-year-old male resident of the 2100 block of Cleveland Boulevard was attending to the wound, according to a police report.

A witness identified Douglas, who was still at the scene, as the shooter, the report states.

Douglas entered a nearby apartment, retrieved a .32-cal-

iber revolver, and told police it was the gun that shot the victim.

Witnesses told police Douglas had been spinning the gun on his finger, similar to a move popular in old western films.

Douglas told police he dropped the gun and it fired when it hit the floor.

The bullet entered the victim's shoulder from the back, police said. X-rays taken at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City revealed that the bullet lodged in a muscle in the victim's lower back.

## •Treasurer—

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"There's no question about that," Macek said.

"They don't have a right to sit here in a meeting and make remarks."

Wilson said he hadn't heard any remarks.

After some discussion, Macek withdrew his motion.

Wilson then explained his actions.

Trustee Irene Karlechik asked why she was not given the opportunity to resign, and Wilson said he had given her several chances to meet with him and discuss it.

Some trustees had expressed concerns of whom the mayor planned to appoint in her place.

Macek also said that because of the plans to convert to a full-time comptroller, it made no sense to appoint a new treasurer now and let him or her go in another month or so.

Trustee Handy Presswood then said he had attempted to work out a compromise with Wilson, but Wilson was not willing to work with them.

"I have no reason to compromise with you," Wilson replied. "This is my right to do this. I did it. You people all knew this was coming up, you all knew she had problems."

Macek then made a motion to reinstate Donaldson. That motion was seconded by Karlechik.

The board voted 4-2 to reinstate. Voting yes

were Macek, Karlechik, Presswood and Gus Falter. Voting against were Vincent and Bob Able.

"I want to say I'm ashamed of you," Wilson said after the vote.

During public comment period, several residents criticized the board and asked what was going to be done. After the meeting, Wilson said his hands were tied.

"There's nothing I can do," Wilson said. "They put her back. I don't agree with her, I don't agree with what she's doing, but I don't know what to do about it right now."

Donaldson could not be reached for comment.

On Wednesday, Macek said Donaldson should not be blamed for all the problems.

"We have not got the results back from the IRS," he said.

Part of the problem with the IRS payments may have been a bank's failure to correctly deposit the money, or the IRS of tracking the payments.

"That letter Vincent has been flashing around means nothing," he said.

Macek said there are problems with the village's financial checks, balances, and everybody deserves some blame for that.

"Until we get the end results we should not be crucifying anybody," he said. "There is more than one person at fault here."

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# Contamination

## Get the lead out

The following editorial is written by Bob Slate, city editor for the Granite City Press-Record.

Last week, more than five years after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chose a cleanup plan for decades-old lead contamination in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park Acres, the U.S. EPA changed its plan.

The initial cleanup plan was announced in 1990 — more than seven years after residential soil contamination was discovered. The plan covers three distinct levels of contamination: residential soil, about 1,600 yards, a 200,000-ton lead waste pile at 15th and State streets; and remote alleys and driveways where material from the waste pile was used as fill.

In its initial plan, EPA proposed removing all residential soil with a lead concentration of 500 or more parts per million, placing it on the pile and capping the pile with fresh dirt and grass.

Under the recently announced change, EPA will have the residential soil hauled to a landfill — where it belongs — rather than adding it to the existing pile.

To its credit, the EPA has spent about \$15 million to clean up the remote fill areas and plans to pave over any remaining areas of this type.

But EPA still refuses to budge on the issue of the pile, and Granite City has joined a federal lawsuit challenging the cleanup plan. The lawsuit was filed by the companies EPA deems responsible for contamination. Those companies have already spent millions of dollars researching cleanup alternatives.

The issues surrounding the cleanup plan can get complicated. Health studies have been done and all parties have presented experts debating the levels of contamination that warrant cleanup. Does the lead present a significant health risk for humans, especially children? Are there other factors, such as lead-based paint in homes, contributing to blood-lead levels? Will recontamination occur after the residential soil is removed?

It is easy to get so caught up in the details of the debate that the broader issue of the cleanup gets lost. It is easy to forget that very basic rule: the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

One needs only to stand at the corner of 15th and State streets and look west to put the matter back in perspective. There stands the biggest — and best — argument to get the lead out of the city.

The lead pile stands over an aquifer that feeds the Mississippi River. While EPA initially failed to find any groundwater contamination below the pile, EPA officials have since admitted that their test methods were flawed and water contamination below the pile is a significant health hazard.

And on hot, dry summer days, material from the pile can be seen blowing all over the area. Although EPA insists this is not the case, one needs only to see it with one's own eyes to realize that the EPA's methods are again flawed.

So why would EPA propose leaving the pile — with lead concentrations in excess of 1,000 parts per million — yet removing soil from all yards that have lead concentrations of 500 parts per million or more?

Why would EPA refuse to address the issue of lead paint? Isn't it much more accessible to children than the lead in dirt? This issue has been debated to death. It has been at the forefront of public attention for more than a decade. The time for action passed long ago.

Please, EPA: get the lead out.

## A Halloween party without costumes?

In my father's youth, the holiday (or so I was told) consisted chiefly of the younger kids bobbing for apples and listening to ghost stories.

The older boys knocked over outhouses and it was considered quite a coup if the privy happened to be occupied at the time it was separated from its foundation.

By the time I was old enough to be out among the others, Halloween costumes and masks were in vogue — the gorier, the better — and outhouses were passe.

In my own contemporary circle of friends, we scorned the pretty stuff. No fairy princesses or brides for us. We went out as hags, toothless witches with warts on our chins. The boys in the crowd tended to model themselves a la Boris Karloff or Bela Lugosi, with an occasional vampire tagging along. We concocted a fake blood and spilled it on each other from toy squirt guns.

No one had invented trick-or-treat in those years and owing to a dearth of privies, we had to content ourselves with soaping windows, "egging" porches, startling unwary householders with tickles on their windows and raising general hell. All tricks, no treats.

We were youthful vandals, juvenile delinquents before we'd ever heard the term. I'm delighted that, by the time I reached "childhood," haunting the kids and letting them go door-to-door in the neighborhood had become standard. I certainly didn't want them doing the things I'd done! And I hope they didn't, though I'm well aware that in my own day, the last thing on earth I would have done was give my parents a truthful report on my Halloween activities.

All of which brings me to the jitterless Halloween awaiting the small fry of Ashland, Mo. Now what the kids do on their own Halloween night is up to their parents. But what has apparently been a traditional elementary school observance there for many years — Halloween-costumed youngsters having a party in the final hour of class and then parading (in broad daylight) the three blocks from the school to downtown — has been declared verboten by the



Carol Clarkin

principal of Southern Boone County Elementary, one David Decker.

There'll still be a party, just no costumes or parade. All the costumes have been getting scarier, some so gory, he contends, that they've frightened some youngsters.

As for the ban on the parade, Decker cites safety concerns. He said he fears that some adult, involved in a child custody dispute, could dress up in costume and snatch a kid (his or her own, presumably) from the parade.

Now, I don't know how many child custody arguments are wending their laborious way through the Boone County court system, let alone how many contending cases center in little Ashland, population 1,400, but somehow, I doubt that they're commonplace.

Decker admits that, to date, he's not even seen a close call, but I tend to think he's unduly concerned.

Neither do I honestly believe that the kids are scared of other kids in costumes. For heaven's sake, costumes and masks look like what they are and are no trouble at all.

Most kids, in my experience, fake fright — and love it just as they know it's fake blood dripping from Dracula's overlong teeth.

Not all agree with Decker's decision and a meeting of these parents with their school board is planned before Halloween.

According to Yehle, aside from the scary costumes and props, the main reason for the ban is to keep order in the schools and keep the students at work.

I suspect he's telling the truth, there, even though it brands him a spoilsport. I'm simply surprised that he's even letting the kids have the final-hour party.

Tough luck, kids, it's a cold, cruel world out there.



## More smoking limits are debated

When I completed my Army service in 1953, I decided to permanently swear off two habits, swearing and smoking.

Cigarette smoke is even deadlier for nonsmokers than for smokers, so I try to go to no-smoking areas in restaurants and other public places.

I have no wish or right to dictate what other people do, but I would prefer that everyone consider resisting the "peer pressure" and addiction and give up smoking, for their own good.

Unfortunately, it is highly unlikely that this will happen. However, President Bill Clinton does plan a "tough and mandatory approach to discourage smoking by teenagers."

He proposes to ban cigarette vending machines at places frequented by young people, limit the kinds of advertising (such as Joe Camel cartoons) that tobacco companies can use, and require proof of age to buy cigarettes.

The cigarette-buying age threshold is 19 in Arkansas, Alaska and Utah and 18 in the other 47 states.

David A. Kessler, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) commissioner, hopes to regulate nicotine as a drug. Nicotine is regarded as the element that locks smokers into addiction.

Doctors for a long time have warned that smoking does ter-



Bill Winter

rible things to one's body, including such tragedies as lung cancer.

The American Medical Association (AMA) spoke out this summer, urging federal regulation of tobacco as an addictive drug.

The AMA simultaneously published once-secret documents, revealing industry schemes to hide the dangers of tobacco.

Dr. Lonnie Bristow, new president of the group of 266,000 doctors, said, "It was the most despicable action by an industry I had ever heard, something you would expect from the Medellín drug cartel."

"The public has been duped by the tobacco industry."

This is a reversal from the 1960s, when the AMA accepted millions of dollars from tobacco makers to study smoking's health risks. This enabled the industry to assert that the health issue was still unresolved.

But this July, the AMA accused the Brown & William

son Co. of elaborate internal steps to conceal evidence that nicotine is addictive.

U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin, Springfield Democrat who has spearheaded anti-smoking laws, favors a new crackdown, saying that an FDA stand against nicotine as a narcotic could trigger several helpful new regulations.

A less stringent policy has been advocated by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, St. Louis area Democrat.

He wants tobacco firms to pay for state enforcement of laws banning cigarette sales to minors. He also suggests further ad limits and an educational campaign aimed at youths, outlining the dangers of smoking.

He points out that breweries have been active in promoting responsible use of their products, rather than waiting for "heavy-handed regulation."

Gephardt's position has been embraced by Rep. Charlie Rose, North Carolina Democrat who heads a group of 22 Southern legislators opposing FDA regulation of tobacco products.

Meanwhile, 42 Republican scientists and doctors have backed anti-smoking efforts and have voiced fear that their party may be allying itself with the tobacco industry.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Georgia Republican, thinks the FDA has "lost its mind" if it is contemplating fighting tobacco as an addictive drug. But the House defeated a move by Rep. Jim Bunning, Kentucky Republican, to end all FDA funding.

Tobacco-state legislators from both parties are fighting federal controls and the 42 conservative scientists, professors and physicians say the anti-smoking campaign also should be bipartisan, rather than letting "liberals alone benefit from the growing anti-tobacco sentiment."

They add that the GOP should enlist in anti-smoking activities and not let such efforts be dominated by "well-meaning social engineers and safety alarmists."

Emory University's Dr. W. Virg. Brown, a former American Heart Association president, says Republicans "are in danger of appearing to be on the wrong side of an issue. Long-term, it is going to bite them very hard. It is a great example of mass-denial."

Many political leaders clearly are hesitant to alienate the millions of people who enjoy, or endure, smoking. But I suspect they would take a more courageous stand if they fully understood the great harm smoking does to the human body.

## Letters to the editor

Too many trees, too many leaves  
TO THE EDITOR:

Burning leaves in Granite City: What are people going to do with all that trash? It's a bad enough with Granite City Steel — that's the living for the people. That's a must.

Sick people don't need this. Why not cut trees down? There are so many useless trees that a law should be passed allowing one tree in each front yard and one in each back yard. This problem could have been stopped years ago instead of the city telling us to plant trees.

There are trees that can be planted that the leaves dry up and are no trouble at all.

VIVIAN HARPER  
Granite City

Thanks given to finder of house keys  
TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the person who found my house keys on Shop 'n Save's parking lot last weekend and turned them into the Shop 'n Save office.

Granite City

## Election letters policy

The Press-Record welcomes letters from readers regarding the Nov. 7 election. We will print such letters up through the Nov. 2 issue.

No letters except those from candidates themselves responding to previous letters will be printed in the Sunday, Nov. 5 Granite City Journal.

As always, letters should be as brief as possible, signed and include the telephone number of the writer for verification purposes. No unsigned letters or letters containing slander will be published.

Election endorsements will appear in the Nov. 2 Press-Record and the Nov. 5 Journal.

Last Friday, Oct. 13, I lost my keys while shopping at Shop 'n Save. My name was on the set of keys, so we were thinking about changing the door locks. I called Shop 'n Save and was very happy to hear that someone had turned them in.

Thank you so very much.  
LORNA HENSON  
Granite City

Cable increases way too high  
TO THE EDITOR:

Have you calculated the rate increases that Charter Cable (which used to be Crown Cable) instituted in the last nine months? The increases seem insignificant at first sight; however, upon examination, that isn't the case.

This is my calculated breakdown:

January 1995: from \$22.41 to \$23.25 per month, an 82-cent increase or 3.65 percent; and

October 1995: from \$23.25 to \$24.62 per month, a \$1.38 increase or 5.94 percent.

These two increases together equal a 9.59 percent increase in nine months. (This is based

on basic service tier plus expanded service with no prime channels included. With prime channels, it may even be higher.) These increases seem excessive to me. Every little bit of increased expense to working people eventually adds up to a large increased expense.

Your recent statement from Charter Cable notifies you that you can file a complaint with the FCC within 45 days of the statement billing date. The FCC address is included on

your statement. Please take the time to express your feelings if you disagree with the latest rate increase. If nothing else, attach this newspaper article to a piece of paper, sign your name and address at the bottom and say you disagree with the increases. Stick it in an envelope and mail it to the FCC. It can be easy to voice an opinion.

SANDRA L. GROTE  
Granite City

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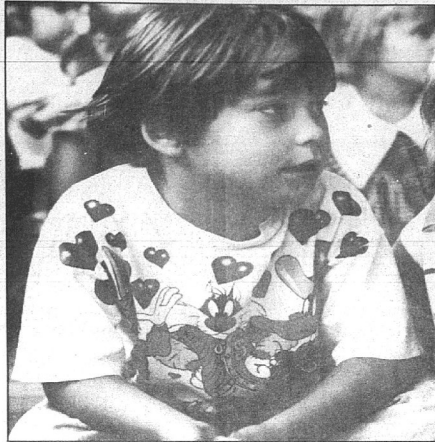
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# People

## Don't just tell a story, make it come alive

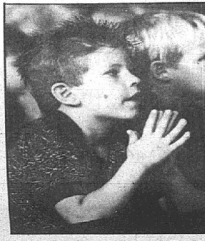


Kindergartner Adrienne Will listens to one of the stories.

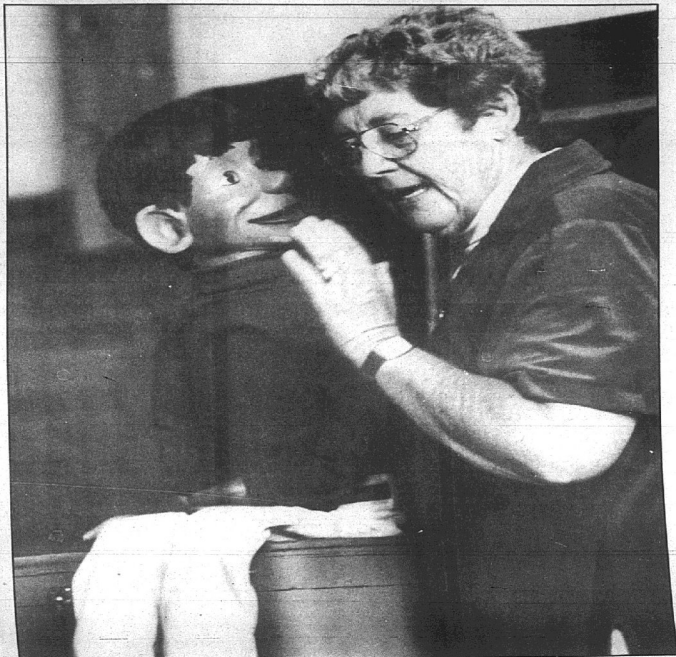
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by JOHN FRESE



Gibb chooses different colors of sand to make a sand painting, illustrating a story as she tells it.



Kindergartner Nick Rozell watches Gibb.



Gibb uses a ventriloquist's dummy as a prop for a story.



Gibb helps fifth grader Robby Steen put on a clown outfit to help her tell a story.



Gibb uses a sand painting to illustrate a story about a little tree striving to live up to the example of its larger neighbor.



The storyteller pours the sand off a canvas to make room for another illustration.

## Salutes to these outstanding area teens

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Each week, we read in newspapers and see on television stories about the ills of society. We read about teens in trouble. We see stories about gangs and drugs and alcohol. But we also realize that a vast majority of teenagers are good citizens. The *Granite City Press-Record* and *Granite City Journal* are determined to try to emphasize the positive and recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our youth. For the past few years, the *Suburban Journals*, Cedarleaf Photography, Belleville Area College and Magna Bank have teamed up to sponsor the Greater Belleville Area Youth Leadership Salute. The program recognizes outstanding

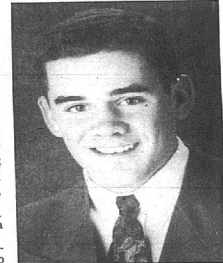
area high school seniors. More than 180 students from 20 area high schools are involved in the unique leadership adventure for high achievers. The program is designed to encourage commitment to youth leadership development. At the local level, these students are recognized for their accomplishments through the Winners Seminar, a portrait panel tour, positive publicity and a reception held at BAC. The Winners Seminar is designed for additional training in goal-setting, self motivation and development of leadership skills. The portrait panels, which contain portraits and biographical sketches, are displayed at St. Clair Square, BAC and Magna Bank. At the reception, the outstanding nominees are awarded educa-

tional scholarships and the national "Town Meeting of Tomorrow" held at Washington University.

Nominees from the *Press-Record* circulation area include:

**CATRINA BENSON**  
Benson is drum major for the Granite City High School Marching Warrior Band. She also plays first chair oboe in the band. She is a member of National Honor Society, Foreign Policy Club, Science Club, and the JETS math team.

She is secretary of Tri-M. She serves as captain of a Bible Quiz team. The daughter of Marie Benson of Granite City plans to major in physics and (See TOP TEENS, Page 6A)



Mark Hewlett



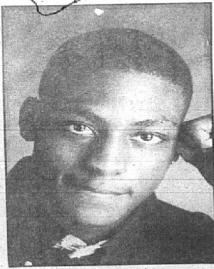
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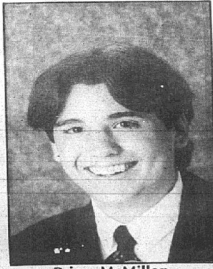
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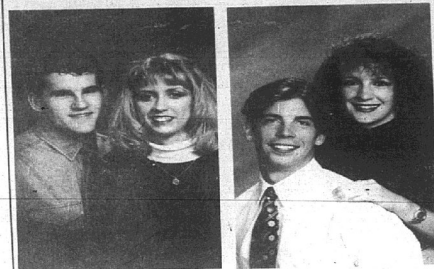
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## FAMILY

## •Top Teens

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engineering in college.Kelli Basden  
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Robertson

Kelli Basden, daughter of Lynn and Sandra Basden of Granite City, and Dan Robertson, son of Pat and Elaine Robertson of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Basden, of Granite City, a graduate of Granite City High School, Belleville Area College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is employed with the Alton School District as a special education teacher.

Robertson, also a graduate of Granite City High School, Belleville Area College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is employed with the Granite City School District as a teacher.

A June 16, 1996, wedding at Nameoki United Methodist Church in Granite City is being planned.

Haddix-  
Nadenbush

Caryn Haddix, daughter of Bonnie Haddix of Granite City and the late William Haddix, and Jim Nadenbush, son of Steve and Cindy Nadenbush of Pekin, Ill., have announced their engagement.

Haddix, of Granite City, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1994 graduate of St. Louis University with a degree in economics, is presently attending law school at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Nadenbush, a 1990 graduate of Pekin Community High School and a 1994 graduate of Bradley University with a degree in political science, is also attending law school at SIUC.

A December wedding in Ocho Rios, Jamaica is being planned.

**KARRIE REBECCA COWIN** is the president of the Granite City High School chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has organized a school prayer group and serves as a pianist at her church. She is an All-American scholar, a member of National Honor Society and Youth Leadership of Greater St. Louis. She is a piano teacher and an ALPHA Peer Leader.

The daughter of Jerry and Karen Cowin of Granite City plans to study medicine at Washington University.

**MARK HEWLETT** Hewlett has received many leadership awards, including Youth Leadership Greater St. Louis, Hugh O'Brian Leadership, "I Dare You" Leadership and the National Council on Youth Leadership.

He is a basketball player, an ALPHA Peer Leader, a member of National Honor Society. He is in the secondary honors program at GCHS and a member of the student council.

The son of Tom and Patricia Hewlett plans to major in dentistry.

**DENISE MCILLAN** Denise McMillan combines brains and brawn. She was named most valuable player on the GCHS Lady Warrior basketball team and captain of the volleyball team. She was a state qualifier in the three-point showdown and also plays soccer at GCHS, where she is an ALPHA Peer Leader.

She is a member of National Honor Society, JETS, Science Club, Varsity Club, band and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The daughter of Charlie and Marilyn McMillan plans to major in math or chemistry and play NCAA Division I bas-

ketball.

**BRIAN MCILLAN** Brian McMillan is an All-State debater and finished as a runner up in the state debate tournament. He is a member of the Scholar Bowl, JETS, and Math teams. He is also in Science Club, Foreign Policy Club, National Honor Society and vice president of the River Project Club.

The son of Terrence and Patricia McMillan of Granite City was selected for Illinois Premier Boys State. He plans to major in pre-medicine at the University of Illinois.

**DONALD HARRIS** Harris is vice president of his class and Co-captain of the basketball team at Venice High School. He serves as secretary of the student council and chairman of the prom music committee.

He is a member of National Honor Society and serves as an usher at his church. He is a National Youth Leader.

The son of Bernard and Evelyn Harris plans to attend the University of Illinois or the University of Missouri.

**MANDY SCHERMER** Schermer is Co-captain of the Pom Pon squad, vice president of student council, and a

student member of the Mayor's Youth Center Board of Directors. She is a member of National Honor Society, JETS team, a math tutor and and ALPHA Peer Leader. She participated in the NCYL 30 Days of Fitness.

She is the daughter of David and Linda Schermer of Granite City. She plans to attend college.

**TARA WIEBUSCH** Wiebusch is the editor of the GCHS yearbook and a member of the Lady Warrior volleyball team. She was selected for the "I Dare You" Leadership Award and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is a member of National Honor Society, ALPHA Peer Leaders and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is an American Red Cross volunteer.

The daughter of Roger and Evelyn Wiebusch plans to major in chemistry or biology in pursuit of a medical career. She hopes to attend either the University of Evansville or Bradley University.

**MIRANDA MOSBY** Mosby is captain of the volleyball team at Venice High School, president of the Art Club, a cheerleader, class treasurer and prom chairperson.

She is a DARE role model, a member of student council, a peer tutor and a member of Honor Society. The daughter of Elaine Mosby of Madison plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

## Organization

## Seabees

Annually, the Seabees, a senior group of people ages 70 and over who meet once a week at the Granite City Township Hall, meet for fellowship and reminiscing.

The reunion this year was held at the Harley Hotel in Earth City, Mo.

Eileen's Steppers were invited to provide a dance program, which included tap dancing, a chorus line, western line dances and a novelty "alley cat" number.

Members of the group who performed were teacher Eileen Lakatos, Lucille Caban, Eleanor Cook, Rosalee Heeler, Candy Kawula, Betty F. Vaughn and Betty J. Smallie. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all.

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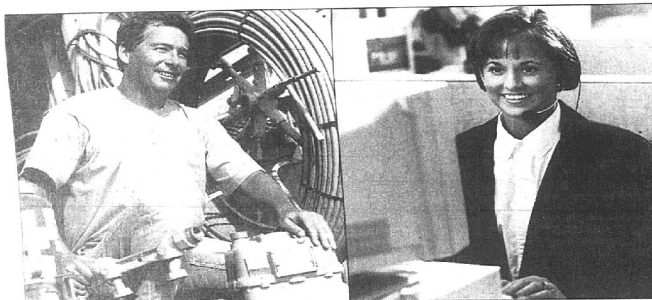
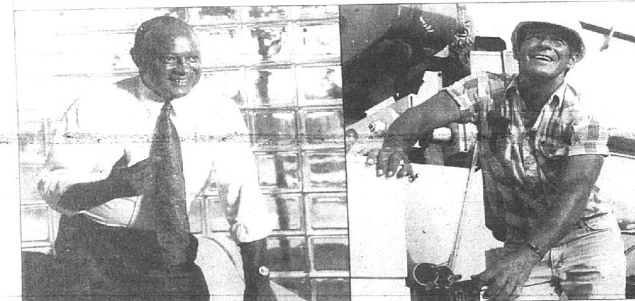
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## Park District offers ice skating, aerobic lessons

The Granite City Park District will begin registration for the youth "learn to ice skate" program and the "adult aerobic" classes on Monday, Oct. 30, at the Wilson Park office.

Ice skating lessons

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings at the ice rink for children four years of age and older.

Session 1 of the program begins on Nov. 11 and ends on Dec. 16. The cost of the program is \$15 for park district residents and \$25 for nonresidents. The instructor for this program is Chad St. Peters of Granite City. He is an experienced St. Louis metro area instructor of youth ice skating and hockey skating instruction.

The classes are designed for beginners and children requiring additional instruction.

Aerobic classes

Slimeettes or regular aerobics

This popular exercise class will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Brown Recreation Center. The cost for the class is \$15 for park residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

No-impact aerobics

This exercise class without impact will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Brown Recreation Center. The cost for the class is \$15 for park residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

Step aerobics

Classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Lincoln Place Community Center. The cost is \$20 for park residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

## Road rules review is Friday

A Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Preregistration is not required.

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## Obituaries

### Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association.

#### M. Auferheide

Margaret E. (Travis) Auferheide, 75, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1995, at her residence, following a six-month illness. She was born Sept. 8, 1920, in Roadhouse, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for 50 years.

An administrative officer with St. Elizabeth Medical Center for eight years prior to her retirement in 1977, she was a member of World of Life Tabernacle in Granite City.

Survivors include several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin "Auffy" Auferheide, who died July 27, 1977; her parents, John Edward Travis and Elizabeth Jane (Rose) Travis; and two sisters, Marcella Southard, who died Dec. 9, 1989, and Laura Ellen Whewell, who died Feb. 10, 1990.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials requested for the World of Life Tabernacle Building Fund.

#### Cora Schiber

Cora Olive (Allen) Schiber, 78, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:35 a.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 1995, at University Manor in Edwardsville. She was born Nov. 30, 1916, in Centralia.

Mrs. Schiber was a member of Nazareth Methodist Church in Granite City.

An include one sister, Ann Oram of Peoria; and three nieces, Edna, Margaret and Mary.

Survivors include her parents, William Foster Stack and Corabel (Bevins) Stack; one brother, Henry Stack; and three sisters, Bessie Dennis, Evelyn Pace and Eleanor Sowell.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Rd. in Granite City, where services are at 2 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

### Will Stack

Will Newman Stack, 74, of Dover, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 1995, at Clarksville Memorial Hospital in Clarksville, Tenn. He was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Stewart County, Tenn.

A machinist, he was a member of Taylor Chapel Church of God and a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Margie (Taylor) Stack; two daughters, Linda Kelley of St. Louis and Mary Christine Tift of Livingston; three sisters, Louise Brooks of Dover, Mae Pace of Murray, Ky., and Helen Meredith of Granite City; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Emmie (Sowell) Stack, whom he married Feb. 2, 1948, and who died April 24, 1986; his parents, William Foster Stack and Corabel (Bevins) Stack; one brother, Henry Stack; and three sisters, Bessie Dennis, Evelyn Pace and Eleanor Sowell.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Rd. in Granite City, where services are at 2 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials requested for the World of Life Tabernacle Building Fund.

#### David Durham

David Wayne Durham, 41, of Collinsville died at 11:58 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1995, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born July 9, 1954, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Durham was a self-employed carpenter.

Survivors include one son, James "Jimmy" Durham of Arkansas; one daughter, Amanda Durham of Granite City; two brothers, Jack L. Durham of Collinsville and Billy D. Durham of Fairview Heights; and three sisters, Betty Eversager of East St. Louis, Nancy Kaplan of O'Fallon and Cathy Jacob of Moro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy Arvis Durham and Eldora (Howell) Westenski; and one brother, James E. Durham.

Visitation is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Herbert A. Kessely Funeral Home, 515 Vandallia St. in Collinsville, where services are at 1 p.m. Friday with the Rev. William Engler officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Maryville Rd. in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are requested for Calvary Baptist Church.

#### Gladys Lator

Gladys F. (Nutt) Lator, 55, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born May 20, 1940, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Lator was a legal secretary for Vincent Waldman in East St. Louis for six years.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel C. Joseph D. T. Andrew and Matthew Lator, all of Granite City; one daughter, Ruth Whitehead of Goldsboro, N.C.; her mother, Bea (Jacyco) Nutt; three brothers, Martin, Glenn and Dennis Nutt, all of St. Louis; two sisters, Charlene Trachte and Norma Andrie, both of St. Louis; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel J. Lator, her father, Charles Nutt; and one sister, Fay Bowman.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Rd. in Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. today with the Rev. Henry Tipton officiating.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

#### John Kraynak

John L. Kraynak, 75, of O'Fallon, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1995, at his residence. He was born Jan. 29, 1920, in Bonne Terre, Mo.

An auditor in Madison County for 28 years prior to his retirement, he was a member of St. Albans Catholic Church in Fairview Heights and the AMVETS Post 204 in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Grieve) Kraynak; one son, CWS Harry Kraynak; one daughter, Mary Ann Kraynak; and three granddaughters, Donna Ward, Halbert of Bloomington, Ill., and Lynette Ward of Granite City; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John M. and Anna (Vanyo) Kraynak; and one sister, Eleanor Tarstion.

No visitation is scheduled. A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced. Arrangements are being handled by Pete Gardner Funeral Home in Belleville.

Memorials are requested for the Franciscan Missionary Union, 1400 Meramec St., St. Louis, Mo. 63118, or the Family Hospice of the Belleville Area.

#### Sherman Seegers

Sherman D. Seegers, 46, of Staunton, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:42 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 1995, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Jan. 14, 1947, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for many years prior to moving to Staunton 12 years ago.

Employed with Nestle Tea in Granite City for 28 years, he was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen (Bowman) Seegers; one son, Tommy J. Seegers of Wilsonville, Ill.; his parents, Richard C. and LaVerna (Knox) Seegers of Crocker, and his mother, Helen Knox of Crocker.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard C. and LaVerna (Knox) Seegers.

Services were Monday at Laughlin Funeral Home in Troy. His remains were cremated at Godfrey Crematory in Godfrey.

Hubert Earl Potts, 70, of Troy, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:08 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Tammoco, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for 41 years prior to moving to Troy.

A laborer with Laborers Local 397, he was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Troy. Masonic Lodge 77 in Granite City and Union Local 397. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lorna (McGee) Potts, whom he married Jan. 17, 1948; four sons, Steven Potts of Marine, Robert Potts of Union Grove, Ala., Calvin Potts of Caseyville and Mark Potts of Columbia; one daughter, Marilyn Greenbaum of Richmond, Va.; and eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Bortha (Duckworth) Potts; one brother, and three sisters.

Gravestone services and burial were Monday in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Arrangements were handled by Laughlin Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorials are requested for the Bethel Baptist Church Building Fund.

#### Edith Rossetol

Edith A. (York) Rossetol, 69, of Pleron, formerly of Cahokia and Granite City, died at 12:08 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 1995, at her residence.

Mrs. Rossetol was born Dec. 3, 1925, in State Island, N.Y., where she grew up. She had been a resident of Cahokia from 1960 to 1982 and Granite City from 1982 to 1986. She moved to Pleron in July of this year.

A homemaker, she was a member of American Association of Retired Persons and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one son, Thomas E. Rossetol of Caseyville; three daughters, Margaret McMillan of Carlinville, Barbara Edelberger of Pleron and Edith A. Rossetol of Granite City; one brother, Edward York of Tazewell, Va.; 12 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence D. "Sam" Rossetol, whom she married Nov. 22, 1943, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Pleron. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward York and Emily (Jeffries) York; and one brother, Richard York.

Services were Wednesday at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland with the Rev. Paul W. Sheridan officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Cemetery, Highland. Arrangements by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland. Memorials to the First Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

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## Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BISHOP, Kenneth H.**, 82, of Granite City died at 7:48 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**BUCKS, Sarah Elizabeth (Bradley)**, 80, of Granite City died at 10:35 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 1995, at Caseyville Nursing Home, Caseyville. Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Leon Belt. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

**CHAMPION, Terry L.**, 47, of Madison died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 1995, at his residence. Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

**EPPS, Earl L.**, 67, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. John Rhodes, the Rev. Randy Gray and the Rev. Mike Plack. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Christ Gospel Church.

**HAWK, Charles William**, 35, of Granite City died at 4:09 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at Wood River Township Hospital, Wood River. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Steven B. Hurd. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Jeremy Hawk Educational Fund.

**KNOWLES, Victor Clay**, 78, of Granite City died at 6:05 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1995, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were Friday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Lewis Trotter. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

**KOBY, Stella (Kozuszek)**, 85, of Granite City died Sunday, Oct. 22, 1995, at her residence. Services were Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisk. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County or Masses.

**PELIKAN, Nancy P. (Almus)**, 59, of Granite City died at 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 1995, at her residence. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Thomas Wise. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County.

**RAMSEY, Sylvia L. (Hodge)**, 77, of Granite City died at 5:48 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Saturday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Max Wood. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**ROKITA, James Joseph**, 55, of Granite City died at 4:21 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 1995, at St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Steven B. Hurd. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

**SARICH, John**, 79, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 1:50 a.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

**STEWART, Thomas E.**, 82, of Highland died at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at St. Mary's Health Center, Clayton, Mo. Services were Tuesday at First Congregational Church, Highland, by the Rev. Late A. Murray. Burial in Highland City Cemetery, Highland. Arrangements by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland. Memorials to the First Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

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## Madison man faces charge of felony escape

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Madison man arrested on an outstanding drug warrant

faces an additional charge of felony escape after trying to run from police.

Sherwin A. Coleman, 25, of the 1500 block of Sixth Street, was charged with felony escape and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. The outstanding warrant was issued by Madison County for unlawful possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

A second subject, a juvenile,

was charged with a curfew violation.

According to police reports, at about 2 a.m. Thursday, a Madison police officer stopped a car with no rear registration light. The officer noticed Coleman in the front passenger seat, and arrested him on an active warrant for his arrest.

After getting out of the car, the officer said Coleman started acting "weird."

Coleman had been handcuffed with his hands behind his back, but was apparently able to slip the cuffs around to the front.

He was apprehended by a police dog after he was discovered hiding under a bush in the 1600 block of Fourth Street. Coleman was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center to be treated for dog bites.

During a body search, police also discovered what they believe is crack cocaine.

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## Eagles Aux. 1126 holds meeting

Twenty six members of the Eagles Auxiliary 1126 attended the first meeting of October with Joanna Spencer, president, presiding over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

The roll call of officers was given and trustees Ruth Jorgensen is on vacation and Fuzz Hagnauer is ill. Pro-terms were Rose Piechocinski and Becky Worley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Vincine Zerlin, secretary, and approved. Six applications for membership were read. They will be initiated at the next meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14. The sponsors are invited to accompany their candidates.

Peoria Auxiliary 265 invited all to attend their state officers' weekend in Peoria Oct. 27-29. Auxiliaries will meet at 2 p.m. and a banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Wanda Trent of the Peoria auxiliary requested that all reenrollment requests be sent directly to her. Margaret Roundtree, cancer chairman, asked each auxiliary to make at least \$1 more than last year. She will award a 100-percent trophy and prizes for first, second and third place for highest percentage and highest money donated.

The Grand Aerie sent a "no goose egg" sticker for the group's poster for the month of July.

Iris McDermott, past grand main president and membership promotion department chairman, congratulated the past president and the auxiliary for attaining the new member quota last year.

Ann Pales was escorted to the altar and presented with the outstanding leadership plaque and quota certificate by Vincine Zerlin and Joanna Spencer.

Correspondence from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville was read regarding the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award. Anyone knowing of a qualified

candidate may submit their application.

Mildred Boyd, visiting chairman, reported on members who are ill, have lost a loved one or is hospitalized. Del Deloney is hoping to return home from a lengthy illness and surgery soon.

Katie Kostoff, on behalf of her family, thanked all the members for the funeral dinner and curds and favors during the recent loss of her grandson, Richard Kostoff Jr. She donated \$25 to the ways and means committee in his memory.

Josephine Yurko thanked all the members for the cards, flowers and favors they received in her recent loss of her brother, Joe Thomas.

Joanna Spencer reported on the seventh and eighth grade sock hop held at the Eagles home on Oct. 8. There were 43 young people in attendance and prizes were awarded to those with the funniest or more unusual socks. Food and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Another dance will be planned for the future and the proceeds will go to fight drug abuse.

Sign-up sheets were passed around to sign up to volunteer to help cook, serve, clean up

or bring pumpkin pies for desserts for the Aerie "kickoff dinner," which helps provide a Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens and Christmas baskets for the seniors. Dinners are at 4 p.m. and tickets are available from Chris Von Nida or at the Eagles home. Contact Lynn Jateff to help with the dinner.

The charity chairmen gave their reports and upcoming events, raffles and projects. Grants from the Grand Aerie was discussed with the matching funds program.

Auxiliary women were requested to contact Mildred Boyd to help with the Aerie dinner and dance, to be held Oct. 28. Proceeds will benefit the Eagles Education Fund. Evalene Ederie gave the bingo report and it was approved. Millie Weatherford and Jeanne Burton won prizes and Sandra Tudor and her committee of Rose Carney, Martha Simpson, Flo Stokes, Becky Worley, Chris Stenzler, Miller, served refreshments.

Others in attendance were Angie Buchler, Chris Stenzler, Betty Taylor, Sherri Wilson, Barbara Modrusic, Sue Allen, Liz Moore, Vera Johnson, Dorothy Landried, Jackie Durden, Ellen Pabst and Marian Lipscomb.

## Briefly

**Genealogy course set**  
A basic genealogy course will be conducted by the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The two-session course will be held at the Granite City Public Library, 2001 Delmar Ave. in Granite City, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 16. The course content will focus on sources of information and procedures for tracing ancestors.

All interested individuals are invited to attend. Enrollment is free, but a \$3 charge is necessary for instructional materials and postage. Call Bob Stegmeyer at 876-4674 for more information or to enroll and order materials required for the first session.

**Yurcison to serve on student senate**

B.J. Yurcison, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School, will serve as senate member for the Student Government Association at McKendree College in Lebanon for the 1995-96 academic year.

Yurcison is the son of Basil and Evalynn Yurcison of Granite City.

A freshman at the college, he is majoring in biology and chemistry.

**GCAEP meets**

The Granite City Association of Educational Office Personnel held its first meeting of the 1995-96 school year at Wilson Park. The business session was presided over by the president, Louise Moad.

The first officers for the new year are Barbara Bilbre, president elect; Vickie Simpson, recording secretary; Vivian Broadwater, corresponding secretary; and Nancy Rosales, treasurer.

Plans for the programs for the year were discussed.

The October meeting was to be held Oct. 26 at the Pere Marquette Lodge.

A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by members Judy Andrews, Kristien Hamilton, Lucille Caban, Vivian Broadwater, Connie Cornelison, Betty Groke, Barbara Schreiber, Barbara Bilbre, Vickie Simpson, Berta Millianis, Sharon Parker, Barbara Jackson, Louise Moad and Nancy Rosales.

**Omicron Master Chapter meets**

Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meetings in October.

The first meeting was in the home of Ruth Stoyanoff with Arlene Haldeman as Co-hostess. Juanita Calve gave the program, "What Came First in History." After a brief quiz, the group discussed the various inventions. Stephanie Kowalski was the guest for the evening.

The second meeting of the month was held in the home of Evelyn Tolliver. Bea Brackett presented a program on sports and sportsmanship. She focused on Lou Gehrig and Stan Musial. The traveling basket for the month was won by Tolliver. Mrs. Mae Lombardi won the special prize. Following the meeting, the October social was a Halloween party with games played and prizes awarded.

Other members of the chapter are Delores Dorich, Imogene Forrest, Alice Konecny, Pat Tsigriloff and Joyce Alexander.

**Kress earns degree**

Mark A. Kress of Granite City has completed requirements for the bachelor of science degree at the end of the summer 1995 semester at Illinois State University, the oldest public university in Illinois, located in Normal.

**Jenna Davis christened**

Jenna Anne Davis, 10-week-old daughter of Patrick and Mary Ellen Davis of Granite City, was christened Oct. 15 at Holy Family Catholic Church by the Rev. Thomas Wise. Following the ceremony, an open house was held at the Davis' residence.

Her god parents are her aunt Margaret Shipley and uncle James Davis.

Those attending included the baby's great-grandmother, Margaret Fecurka of Madison, her maternal grandmother, Irene Schnecke, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis of Jerseyville.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schnecke of St. Louis; Elizabeth Davis of Jerseyville; Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and sons, Brice and Bradley, of Jerseyville; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roberts and daughter, Keili, of Grafton; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shipley and children, Luke, Beth and Karl; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Myers and daughters, Sarah and Kelsey; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trittschuh; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shipley of Staunton; and Mrs. Thomas Zelenka. Also Schnecke; Catherine Wiese; Sister Mary Dolores; Janet Werner; Violeta Mer; Kathy Tinivna and son, Adam; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnecke.

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# High school student earns National Young Achievers Award

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A senior at Granite City High School is one of 11 students nationwide to be recognized Oct. 15 for their achievements by the International Leadership Network.

Michael Halbrook, the son of Woody and Rita Halbrook, will be among those receiving the National Young Achievers Award

## FCA members attend banquet

Twelve members of the Granite City Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes attended the 31st annual Great-er St. Louis Chapter Fall Kick-off Banquet at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville on Oct. 1.

Students from Granite City High School attending were Matt Foley, Melanie Gensert, vice president Andrew Harris, Marcie Holsinger, Stephanie Kohl, Denise McMillan, Mandy Solomon, Jeff Wallis, Tara Wiebusch, Matt Wiesenborn, Carla Williams and president Jill Wozniak. The students were accompanied by Laura Manissi, sponsor, her husband, Tom Manissi, and Laura's mother, Carol Chappell.

Parents attending were Yvonne Foley, Mary Ann Gensert, Larry and Evelyn Harris, Frank Kohl, Mary Solomon, Evelyn Wiebusch and Linda Wozniak.

Rich Horton, former St. Louis Cardinal baseball player, was the master of ceremonies. Dave Lovel of Lay Renewal Ministries gave the keynote address. Randy Mayfield provided the entertainment.

The FCA is an organization to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

at the ILN's annual awards banquet at the Marriott West Hotel today.

The ILN is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing leadership education and building self esteem among youth.

Halbrook was nominated by retired high school principal David Painter.

Michael is a fantastic student and is quite involved in activities all around school," Painter said.

Halbrook said he didn't know he had been nominated for the award until he was notified about winning.

"I had no idea," Halbrook said. "I was surprised."

"I felt there are a lot of other students doing just as much as I was," he said. "I was just lucky enough to be spotlighted."



Halbrook

Halbrook is president of the speech and theater club, a member of the National Honor Society and an Alpha Peer leader. He is also one of four students picked to deliver morning announcements.

Halbrook said he was also active in scouting. He is an eagle scout and active in the Trails West Council.

The ILN will also present it's "Dare to Lead Award" to Sanford N. McDonnell, chairman emeritus of McDonnell Douglas Corp.

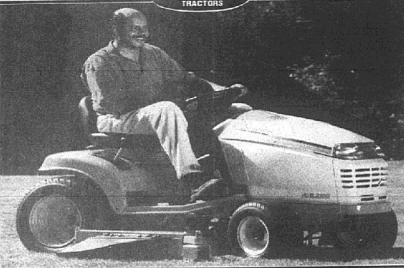
Two other area students — Anjali Alimchandani of Manchester, Mo., and Francis Shen of St. Louis — are among those receiving awards.

Students may be nominated by teachers, counselors, community leaders or friends, and applications must be verified by the school principals. Each qualifying nominee receives a certificate of appreciation. The 11 finalists are selected from that group.

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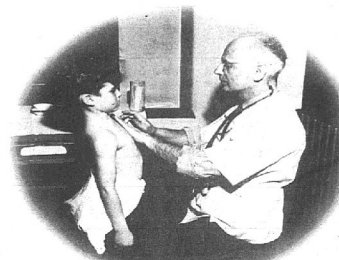
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# Warriors march into sectional



Bob Emig

## Area powers highlight 5A pairings

To me, the East St. Louis-O'Fallon Class 5A matchup is the most intriguing of any of the area's first-round football playoff games.

The Panthers went through an East St. Louis-like regular season, mowing down their opponents en route to the school's first regular-season perfect record at 8-0. When the tradition-rich Flyers come calling to O'Fallon for a first-round game Saturday, it will be another big test for the Panthers.

"THERE ARE SOME," this writer included, who believe O'Fallon belongs in the prestigious Southwestern Conference. The Panthers' well-rounded sports programs, especially on the boys' side, would make them very competitive in a league that contains the area's largest schools.

O'Fallon has proven it can play with the big boys in other sports. Now, the Panthers have the chance to show what they can do in football.

O'Fallon drew the No. 2 seed in a Class 5A bracket that includes four other area teams — No. 7 East St. Louis (6-3), No. 1 Edwardsville (9-0), No. 4 Cahokia (7-2) and No. 6 Belleville Althoff (6-3).

East St. Louis, after getting off to an 0-3 start and losing its legendary coach, Bob Shannon, has "righted itself" by winning the Southwestern Conference. The Flyers are currently on a six-game winning streak and obviously know how to handle the playoff situation by virtue of their rich tradition as one of the state's top teams — and, in some years, one of the top teams in the country.

The winner of the O'Fallon-East St. Louis game will play the winner of the Kankakee-McNamara-Rock Island-Alleman game. McNamara (7-2) is seeded No. 5 and Alleman (7-2) No. 3.

**TOP-SEEDED** Edwardsville will play host to 8 Bloomsington (6-3) in a first-round game Friday night, with the winner to meet the winner of Friday's Althoff-Cahokia game at Cahokia.

The only regular-season matchups in the bracket had Edwardsville and O'Fallon both posting a one-point victory over Cahokia, which came that close to an unbeaten season.

The area's 5A playoff teams have had a lot of common opponents, including Belleville West, Belleville East, Alton and East St. Louis. Expect St. Louis to try to draw any advantages for any team over another by using these comparative scores.

However it winds up, there is sure to be an interesting pairing for the bracket's championship game — which amounts to the quarterfinal round. The heavily area-loaded bracket winner would move on to the semifinal round against a group winner that could feature Ottawa (9-0) or Rockford Boylan (9-0), seeded Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

**NO PLAYOFF SYSTEM** is totally fair, but it's a shame that Triad has to meet Highland in a first-round Class 4A contest Saturday. The two Mississippi Valley Conference teams met during the regular season and Highland pulled out a one-touchdown victory.

Two other Mississippi Valley Conference teams — Jerseyville Memorial and Jerseyville — are also in the same bracket, as are three Central State Eight teams: Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield Southeast and Springfield-Lanphier. Jerseyville is playing Lanphier.

It would be nice to see Triad and Highland split apart and play the other two Central State Eight teams, Griffin and Southeast, rather than have them matched up against each other in a first-round game. That's the fun part about the playoffs: to see how you stack up against teams from other parts of the state. The loser of the Triad-Highland game won't get that chance.



Curtis Howard (right) races a defender to the ball. GCHS will meet Edwardsville at 5 p.m. today, at SIUE in a sectional semifinal match.

## Harris quits as GCHS grid coach

### Warriors' head coach resigns after fourth year

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

It was a difficult decision, but one that Don Harris felt he had to make.

Harris, the head football coach at Granite City High School over the past four years, stepped down from the position early Monday when he submitted his written resignation to GCHS Athletic Director Jerry McKechn.

**ASSUMING THE SCHOOL** board accepts his resignation, Harris finishes his head coaching career at GCHS with a 7-29 record. The board did not act on the matter at Tuesday night's meeting, but should vote on it at its Nov. 14 regular meeting.

Despite their 2-7 record this season, the Warriors played well as a team and showed plenty of positive signs for the future, Harris said, he thought long and hard about the decision, but felt it was the right time to step down.

"The first main reason I did this was because of the amount of time I had put into the program over the last four years," he said. "I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family, and maybe taking a vacation in the future."

"The other main reason was that when I looked at the program, it seemed to me that we need an influx of numbers in



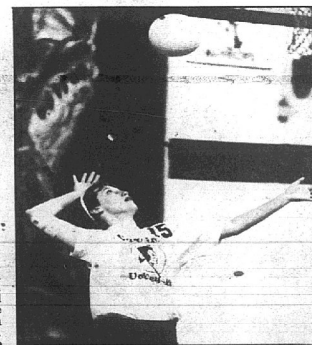
Don Harris  
GCHS coach

order to continue getting better. And any time you change coaches, it gets kids more involved and more enthusiastic."

**HARRIS ADDED** HE was not pressured into his decision.

"I haven't felt any pressure, and no one asked me to step down," he said. "This is a decision I made myself, after talking to my family. I think it's the best decision for us, and for the program as well."

Harris is a GCHS graduate (See HARRIS, Page 3B)



Amy Tapp serves. GCHS will meet Triad in tonight's Edwardsville Regional title game.

## GCHS eliminates Mascoutah, reaches semifinals at SIUE

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Warriors picked up Tuesday where they left off Saturday, then coasted to a 4-1 win against the Mascoutah Indians in a Regional A game at The Gauntlet.

After scorching Cahokia 11-9 Saturday, the Warriors executed four beautiful goals in the first half to put the Indians away early and capture the regional title. Mascoutah got some momentum when it talked in the second half, but it was far too little.

**GRANITE CITY (15-5-4)** got first-half goals from Justin Berna, Mark Mendenhall, Eric Edwards and Justin McMillan. The Warriors scored twice in a five-minute span early in the game, then two more goals more in a three-minute span near the end of the half.

Mascoutah (13-8-1) advanced to the game after defeating Belleville East in the opening round. Indians coach Gary Carr said his team actually played better against the Warriors than they did against the Lancers on Saturday.

"Especially in the second half," Carr said. "It took us a while to adjust to what they

Granite City 4, Mascoutah 1	
MASCOUTAH	0 1 - 1
GCHS	4 0 - 4

First Half	
GCHS — Justin Berna (PK), 9:00	
GCHS — Mark Mendenhall (Steve Logan), 13:24	
GCHS — Eric Edwards (Justin McMillan), 38:00	
GCHS — Justin McMillan (Kyle Briggs), 39:00	

Second Half	
MASCOUTAH — Jesse Roa (Jeremy Balmann), 66:17	
GCHS — Corner Kicks	7 3 - 10
MASC — Shots on Goal	0 0 - 0

GCHS	9 6 - 15
MASC	2 0 - 7

Goalkeepers — Granite City: Jeremy Smith (2 saves); Alex Bantush (4 saves). Mascoutah: Joe Downs (8 saves).

were doing in the first half. We were doing a lot of panic kicking. But when we slowed down, took our time and picked up the intensity a little, we were able to play right with them."

GCHS coach Gene Baker was thrilled with his team's play in the first half, although the second half left a little to be desired.

"IT WAS A great first half, and those were four quality goals," he said. "We talked the half about what we wanted (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)



Billy Niepert takes the handoff from Kevin Harris during Friday's game.

## Season finale stirs emotions for Harris, family

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Last Friday was quite a memorable day for the Harris family.

As it turns out, it was likely Don Harris' last game as head coach of the Granite City Warriors. But it was a special day for the entire family as well.

**DON'S FATHER** Howard, better known as "Lefty" Harris, had quadruple bypass heart surgery last Thursday. Lefty Harris has two grandsons, Donald Jr. and Kevin, who are both quarterbacks, and he normally attends all of the games featuring his grandsons. But because of the surgery, he was absent this week.

As a result, both Kevin and Don Jr. dedicated their weekend games to their grandfather. Although the Warriors didn't win Friday night's game against Belleville East, Kevin scored on a 5-yard run. Don also scored a touchdown in Blackburn University's game Saturday afternoon. Both boys' comment after their respective games was: "My touchdown was for Grandpa Harris."

Lefty Harris is currently recuperating at Christian Northeast Hospital in Florissant. Mo. Don Harris Sr. said his dad was recovering nicely.

"HE'S OUT OF intensive care now, and I understand they got him out of bed today, so he's doing well,"

Don Harris said. "He's 70 years old now, but he has remained active throughout the years. He plays in a senior softball league, and always comes out to watch the games. His doctor feels he'll do fine."

Certainly, the Harris family's emotions must have been running high over the weekend. On Monday, Don Jr. turned in his resignation, ending four years at the Warrior helm.

The last two of those years, Don was coaching his son Kevin, who has started at quarterback the last season and a half. Don Harris said he discussed his decision with his family, and a few days ago he had a long talk with his son. (See FINALE, Page 3B)

## GCHS spikers reach regional final

By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

The Triad and Granite City volleyball teams have never played against each other this season, and that might be the only mystery element of their upcoming championship match at 7 p.m. tonight in the Edwardsville Class AA Regional tournament. There is no secret about the talent level of Triad (24-5) and Granite City (17-11) following respective semifinal victories Tuesday at Joe Lucco Gymnasium.

**FIRST-TOP-SEEDED** Triad, led by outside power hitters Mindi Westfall and Jessie Moss, clobbered fourth-seeded Highland by scores of 15-3, 15-6, beating the Lady Bulldogs (7-24) for the fourth time in as many meetings this year. The subsequent match saw No. 2 Granite City, led by its dynamic senior duo of Jennifer Willis and Denise McMillan, walk all over No. 3 Edwardsville (9-21) in a 15-2, 15-4 decision.

The Granite City players, who last year lost their opening regional match to Jerseyville, arrived early

enough to watch the Triad match. They were impressed to say the least. Triad is closing in on its school record of 27 wins from last year and currently ranks fourth in the entire 81. Louis area — only behind Belleville East and Belleville West among Illinois teams.

"Triad does look pretty good, so we know it's going to be a tough game Thursday," said McMillan. Granite City's aggressive 5-foot-7 setter, "We're just going to have to practice hard (Wednesday) and be ready to play the best match that we can."

Knights are prudent enough to avoid planning ahead for the Taylorville Sectional.

"That's why we play the games. You don't plan by how good you look on paper," Jones said. "We hope to play even better Thursday."

Granite City will be waiting. The Lady Warriors have two physically imposing middle hitters in the 5-11 Willis, who is left-handed, and 5-11 junior Stephanie Brandt, a two-time state track discus medalist. Brandt had an off night by her standards, but the Edwardsville match belonged to Willis and McMillan.

**WILLIS FIRED DOWN** six kills and had four dink shots. "Throw in her four services, two in each game, and Willis accounted for nearly half (19) of her team's 30 points," McMillan, a versatile setter who looks to score as much as pass, had five kills and one dink point. Brandt had two kills and two dinks.

"We're both left-handed but we can hit with our right and that gives us an advantage at the net," McMillan said of herself and Willis. "But the (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 2B)

# IHSA postseason

## BOYS SOCCER

### Edwardsville Sectional

#### Regional A

Thursday, Oct. 19  
Game 1: Cahokia 2, Wood River 0

Friday, Oct. 20  
Game 2: Mascoutah 1, Belleville East 0

Saturday, Oct. 21  
Game 3: Granite City 11, Cahokia 0

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Regional Championship  
Game 3: Granite City 4, Mascoutah 1

Regional B

Thursday, Oct. 19  
Game 1: Lebanon 8, Roxana 0

Game 2: Carbondale 4, Mt. Carmel 2

Saturday, Oct. 21  
Game 3: Edwardsville 6, Lebanon 1

Game 4: Triad 3, Carbondale 1

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Regional Championship  
Game 5: Edwardsville 4, Triad 0

Regional C

Thursday, Oct. 19  
Game 1: Metro East Lutheran 3, Westlin 2 (OT)

Game 2: Waterloo 12, Effingham St. Anthony 0

Friday, Oct. 20  
Game 3: Belleville West 2, Waterloo 1 (2 OT)

Saturday, Oct. 21  
Game 4: O'Fallon 16, Metro East Lutheran 0

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Regional Championship  
Game 5: O'Fallon 2, Belleville West 0

Regional D

Thursday, Oct. 19  
Game 1: Gibault 1, Althoff 0

Game 2: Altamont 6, Olney East Richard 1

Saturday, Oct. 21  
Game 3: Collinsville 2, Gibault 0

Game 4: Highland 10, Altamont 0

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Regional Championship  
Game 5: Highland 2, Collinsville 1

## Sectional Semifinals

### at SIUE

Oct. 26  
Game 1: Granite City (1) vs. Edwardsville (3), 5 p.m.

Game 2: O'Fallon (2) vs. Highland (6), 7 p.m.

Finals  
Oct. 28  
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 1 p.m.

## Collinsville-Granite City Super-Sectional

### at SIUE

Tuesday, Oct. 31  
Edwardsville Sectional winner vs. Chatham Glenwood Sectional winner

## State tournament Quarterfinals

### at Palatine Fremd

Friday, Nov. 3  
Game 1: Villa Park Willowbrook Super-Sectional winner vs. Darien Hindale South Super-Sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.

Game 2: Collinsville-Granite City Super-Sectional winner vs. Palatine Super-Sectional winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: Blue Island Eisenhower Super-Sectional winner vs. Lincolnshire Stevenson Super-Sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: Peoria Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11 a.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

### CLASS AA GIRLS

#### Belleville West Regional

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Game 1: Belleville East def. Mascoutah 15-5, 15-4

Game 2: Belleville West def. O'Fallon 15-10, 15-12

Thursday, Oct. 26  
Title: Belleville East (1) vs. Belleville West (2), 7 p.m.

## East St. Louis Lincoln Regional

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Game 1: East St. Louis def. vs. East St. Louis Lincoln 15-7, 15-8

Game 2: Collinsville def. Cahokia 15-8, 10-15, 16-14

Thursday, Oct. 26  
Title: East St. Louis (4) vs. Collinsville (2), 7 p.m.

Regional winners advance to the Central Sectional on Oct. 31, with semifinal winners advancing to finals vs. Mt. Carmel Regional-Marion Regional winner on Nov. 1.

## Edwardsville Regional

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Game 1: Triad 15-15, Highland 3-6

Game 2: Granite City 15-15, Edwardsville 2-4

Thursday, Oct. 26  
Title: Triad (1) vs. Granite City (2), 7 p.m.

Regional winner advances to play Wood River Regional winner at the Taylorville Sectional on Oct. 31, with semifinal winners advancing to finals vs. Mt. Zion Regional-LaSalle-Peru Regional winner on Nov. 1.

## Marion Regional

Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Game 1: Murphysboro (4) vs. Carbondale (1), 6:30

Game 2: Marion (3) vs. Waterloo (2), 8

Thursday, Oct. 26  
Title: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7 p.m.

Regional winner advances to play Mt. Carmel Regional winner at the Central Sectional on Oct. 31, with semifinal winners advancing to finals vs. St. Louis Lincoln Regional winner on Nov. 1.

## Collinsville Super-Sectional

Nov. 4  
Centralia Sectional winner vs. Taylorville Sectional winner, 7 p.m.

## State tournament At Redbird Arena

Normal

Friday, Nov. 10  
Game 1: Lincoln Super-Sectional winner vs. Mundelein Super-Sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Game 2: Chicago Public League winner vs. Blue Island Eisenhower Super-Sectional winner, 12 p.m.

Game 3: Niles West Super-Sectional winner vs. Collinsville Super-Sectional winner, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Ottawa Super-Sectional winner vs. Villa Park Willowbrook Super-Sectional winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12 p.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 4:45 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.



Brad Ervay backs up Cahokia's Zack Bathon during Saturday's regional game at GCHS. The Warriors defeated the Comanches 11-0.

## Warriors

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to do in the second half, and we just didn't execute. We played keep-away and kickball, but we wanted to hold on to it for a while. I'm disappointed we didn't get the shutout."

Although the lack of a shutout might seem trivial at this point in the season, Baker said its importance can't be overlooked.

"We feel it's important, because it spreads the responsibility around and demands something from everyone on the field," Baker said. "It's important to have the whole team working toward that, especially on those nights when the keepers aren't there."

The Warriors immediately took control of the game in the first minute. They got three early corner opportunities, although they weren't able to convert. For the game, the Warriors had 10 corner kicks to none for the Indians.

After nine minutes of solid pressure, the Indians finally cracked. Mendenhall made a quick run past two defenders into the box, where he was hauled down from behind.

The penalty kick was awarded, and Bernaix easily curled the ball past the right post by helpless Mascoutah keeper Joe Downs.

About five minutes later, Mendenhall got another chance, as Steve Logan made one of his patented hard runs down the right wing. Logan sent a cross along the ground that Mendenhall bounced off the right post and into the goal to make it 2-0.

Before the end of the half, the Warriors struck again, thanks to the play of McMillian — who was named to the All-State and All-Midwest teams this week, as well as the Illinois Downstate 11 team.

McMillian controlled the ball inside the left half of the box until he found an approaching Edwards, who set and fired a quick shot that deflected off a Mascoutah defender and inside the left post.

McMillian took things into his own hands in the last minute of the half. He took a throw-in from Kyle Briggs, dribbled into the box and beat two defenders and sent a rocket across the face of goal and into the right corner.

With the Indians stepping up and the Warriors stepping down, Mascoutah controlled most parts of the second half. The Indians were finally rewarded when Jesse Roa took a pass from Jeremy Sultman and beat GCHS keeper Alex Bauseh in the 66th minute.

"We had a great year," Carr said. "We didn't want it to end

this way, but we set numerous school records this year. We wanted to lay the groundwork to build a successful program at Mascoutah, and we did that. I think our seniors can go out with a good feeling that they were the start of something."

Baker said he wasn't too concerned about whom the Warriors' next opponent would be. As it turns out, it will be the Edwardsville Tigers, who defeated Triad 4-0 in the Regional B final Tuesday night.

The Warriors will meet Edwardsville in the Edwardsville Sectional semifinals at 5 p.m. today at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. In the other semifinal at 7 p.m., O'Fallon will take on Highland, which shocked Collinsville 2-1 in the Regional C championship game Tuesday.

The semifinal winners will meet 1 p.m. Saturday in the sectional championship game at SIUE. The Warriors, who finished second at the Illinois state tournament last year, are aiming for their second straight sectional title.

"Part of being a tournament team is to be prepared for anybody," Baker said. "We're trying to do as well as we can. I'm proud of the kids, they've worked hard to get to this point."

## Lady Warriors

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good thing is everybody contributes on our team, not just two or three people. I think we're peaking right now, because came into this match with a lot of confidence. We

need to keep the momentum going Thursday."

"Everything clicked for us. Fundamentals were solid, communication was evident throughout the match," GCHS coach Cindy Gagich said. "The Warriors played as one cohesive unit, and that's what we've been working for all season."

"I believe these young ladies can work together to upset Triad (tonight). That match will be an exciting one."

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## •Harris

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and former quarterback who played for the Warriors in the late 1960s. He was an assistant coach for the varsity team for seven years before taking over for Tom Wyrostek after the 1991 season.

Harris said he will continue his other coaching duties, including assistant baseball coach at GCHS, and his role as a social studies teacher.

"If the new coach, whoever that might be, would ask me to help with the program, then I would love to do that," Harris said. "But if that person didn't feel comfortable in doing that, then I certainly wouldn't stand in the way."

McKechan said once the school board accepts Harris' resignation, then a committee can be formed to search for a replacement. He did not want to speculate as to who might be in the running for the job at this time.

But he did have high praise for his school's former football coach.

"Don's worked very hard over the last four years with the young kids, and he's been a positive influence," said McKechan. "He's a class act, and I'm sure the program will miss him."

Meanwhile, Harris thinks the program is in good shape over-

'Some people hang on too long, and I didn't want to do that. I felt this was the time to step down.'

—Don Harris  
GCHS coach

all, and the low numbers hurting the program can be a thing of the past.

"I think Granite City football is in a growing stage," Harris said. "The flag football program has doubled in size over the last year, and that's helped raise the number of kids out at the junior high level. Down the line — three, four or five years from now — we're going to see the numbers much higher."

"Football has taken hold, and as a city we'll reap the benefit in the future."

And as a lifetime Warrior, that's all Harris wants to see.

"I played and coached for Granite City, and I would like nothing more than to see the program be successful," he said. "Some people hang on too long, and I didn't want to do that. I felt this was the time to step down."



Don Harris (left) guided GCHS to a 2-7 record in his final season with the Warriors.

## •Finale

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"Kevin was disappointed, and he was open about that," Don Harris said. "He said he felt I was a good coach, and that made me feel very good. I explained to him that it was best for the program, and that when a new coach comes in there will be a rise in the level of enthusiasm."

Don said he didn't feel there had been any extra pressure on his son because of who his coach was. And he was. Kevin had had other coaches before him, and will have others down the road.

"I think Kevin established this year that he deserved the quarterback job," Don said. "I didn't feel that there was any added pressure, and he didn't say anything about it either. He can't be concerned about what other people think, and I

think he has developed the confidence in himself that it was never a problem."

Harris said he had no regrets about his time at the helm.

"I looked at the pluses and minuses of resigning, and the pluses outweighed the minuses," he said. "The timing was good."

"The kids played up to their potential this year, and we can hold our heads up high. I'm walking away proud of what we've done."

"I appreciated the efforts of my staff over the years. I also want to thank Jerry McKechan, who went out of his way to make sure I had everything I needed; and (principal) Bill Rotter, who made it a point to take the time to check in and see how things were going. They deserve the credit. They're professionals."

## By the numbers

Southwestern Conference					Carlyle 46, Toledo Cumberland 0 Sparta 24, Red Bud 16				
Team	W	L	Overall		Mississippi Valley Conference				
Team	W	L	Overall		Team	W	L	Overall	
East St. Louis	5	0	6	3	Civic Memorial	5	1	8	1
Belleville East	4	1	4	5	Jerseyville	4	2	7	2
Collinsville	2	3	3	6	Highland	4	2	7	2
Belleville West	2	3	2	7	Triad	4	2	6	3
Granite City	2	3	2	7	Macouh	2	4	3	6
Alton	0	5	1	8	Wood River	1	5	3	6
Friday, Oct. 20					Friday, Oct. 20				
Belleville East 32, Granite City 13					Civic Memorial 26, Triad 22				
Belleville West 39, Alton 0					Wood River 29, Roxana 20				
East St. Louis 46, Collinsville 20					Saturday, Oct. 21				
Cahokia Conference					Jerseyville 33, Carbondale 32				
Team	W	L	Overall		Highland 28, Macouh 13				
Team	W	L	Overall		South Seven Conference				
Waterloo	5	0	8	1	Team	W	L	Overall	
Carlyle	5	1	8	1	O'Fallon	5	0	9	0
Freeburg	4	2	6	3	Cahokia	4	1	7	2
Breese Central	3	3	5	4	Centralia	4	2	3	7
Dupo	2	4	2	7	Marion	2	3	2	7
Columbia	1	5	2	7	Carbondale	0	4	1	7
Red Bud	0	6	0	9	Mount Vernon	0	5	2	7
Friday, Oct. 20									
Mater Dei 8, Freeburg 7									
Breese Central 20, Vandalia 6									
Chester 29, Dupo 21									
Waterloo 14, Alton Marquette 0									
Gillespie 10, Columbia 0									

## Sports shorts

### Mathews at baseball camp

The International Athletic Foundation will be hosting a youth baseball camp Dec. 26-29 at two locations: The Ball Park in O'Fallon and Gateway Indoor Complex in St. Louis. The camp is for players ages 9-14. The cost is \$125 and includes lunch each day, a camp T-shirt, a participation certificate and an autographed photo from St. Louis Cardinals pitcher T.J. Mathews.

Mathews, a Columbia native, will be a special instructor for two days at each site. He played on an IAF team traveled to Mexico to compete in the Mexico Olympic Week in 1990 during his college playing days. Other instructors include Bob Hughes from St. Louis University, Ric Lessman from Washington University and Todd Whaley from Meramec Community College.

The winter camp is being followed by a camp at Easter from April 8-11, 1996 and then an eight-week camp in the summer running each week in June and July.

For more information, call Jim Turner at (314) 645-5496.

### ASA softball leagues

Kirkwood (Mo.) Athletic Association will have ASA softball leagues in 1996 for girls fastpitch teams in the 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U and 18-U age groups.

A 12-game schedule will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a cost of \$600 per team and no fund-raisers. Additionally, KAA will have three tournaments and each KAA league team will get a free entry into one of these tournaments.

For more information, call Don Leeker at (314) 578-5551.

### Thanksgiving tourney

The ninth annual Tournament of Champions Thanksgiving indoor soccer tournament, scheduled for Nov. 19-22 and Nov. 24-26 at The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon, still has openings.

The tournament is open to any team in a recognized outdoor recreational league. The divisions are based on grades 3-8 for both boys and girls. Each team is allowed four guest players who are not sanctioned select players in a state

### association.

Each team is guaranteed three games. The fee is \$130 per team.

This year's tournament hosts are The Ball Park Sports Center, Goalbusters soccer team, SS, Peter and Paul Athletic Association of Collinsville and the Althoff High School boys soccer program.

To receive an application and further information, including advertising information, contact tournament director Bob Ennis at 344-0984 or 632-1002.

### Ultimates volleyball tryouts

The Ultimates Volleyball Club will hold tryouts on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Belleville Area College intramural gym. Tryouts will be held from 5-7 p.m. for girls 16-under and from 7-9 p.m. for girls 18-under.

There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for tryouts. A parent must attend to sign a medical release form. For more information, call Jeff Juenger at 235-7503.

### Metro Boxing Showdown

Tickets are now on sale for the eighth annual St. Louis Metro Budweiser Boxing Showdown, Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Eve) at Kiel Center.

Proceeds benefit The St. Louis Backstoppers, a volunteer organization which assists families of police officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty.

Seventeen exhibition bouts, including at least one women's contest, will feature teams of police officers and firefighters representing St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. event are \$25, \$20 and \$15 and may be purchased by calling (314) 551-3345, a 24-hour ticket hotline.

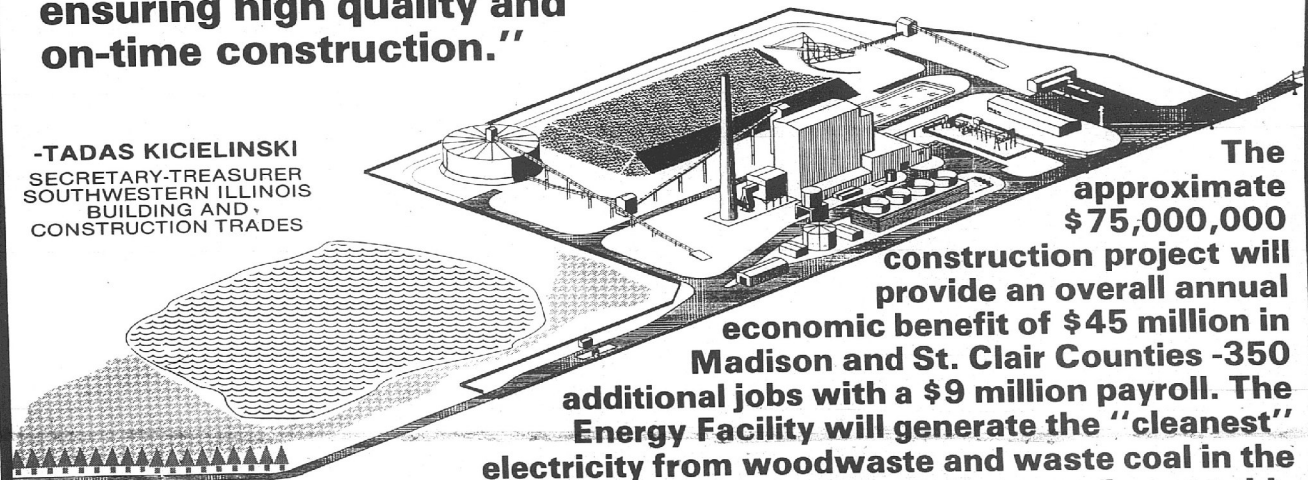
### RJ Krause All-Stars

The RJ Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is in need of basketball games and tournaments for teams in grades 3-8 for boys and girls. The club also needs sports equipment and uniforms for all sports and cheerleaders.

For more information, call Richard "RJ" Krause at 398-1201 or 820 N. 7th St., East St. Louis, Ill., 62203.

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**Ribbon cuttings** — Above, Carefree Celebrations, a company providing professional event planning, catering, decorating and entertainment for weddings and other parties recently opened at 3663 Nameoki Road in Granite City. Present to cut the ribbon and officially open the store for business were, front row, chamber ambassadors Janet Mills and Harvey Cohen; Carefree Celebrations partners Lanelle Hendon and Gale Hoedebeck; chamber president R C Bush; partners Renae Hoedebeck, Priscilla Foster and Karyn Warfield, holding her daughter Whitney; Bev Partney and Robin Thomas of the chamber's women's division; and back row, Mike Skoklo of the chamber; Gale Hoedebeck's parents Shirley and Ed Patterson; Lanelle Hendon's husband, Jeff Hendon, holding their daughter, Meagan; LaVerne Hoedebeck and Kevin Hoedebeck, Gale's husband. Below, Class-E Changes, a hairstyling and beauty salon, recently opened at 2501 E. 27th St. in Granite City. Present were, from left, front row, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce President R C Bush, Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, owner Sandy Brawley and her husband, Jim; and back row, stylists Joyce Moore, Millie Aldridge, Shiela Brown and Lisa Perkins.



## Westhoff named tourism bureau head

The Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau board of directors has announced the appointment of former Millstadt resident Mark Westhoff as its new executive director.

Westhoff replaces Herb Rautenberg as the bureau's executive. Rautenberg announced his retirement in September. Westhoff took over his new duties as executive director, effective Oct. 2.

The Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau is a non-profit corporation that is certified by the state of Illinois to promote tourism in an eight-county area. These counties include Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Fayette, Washington, Bond and Clinton. The bureau has offices in Fairview Heights and Highland. Rautenberg and Westhoff began with the bureau in May 1990.

Since then, the bureau has supported the St. Clair County Bicentennial, the Battle of Belmont, the Southwestern Illinois Grand Prix, the Salute to Masters, Schweizerfest, Edwards-

ville-Glen Carbon Harvest Homefest, Madison County Fair, the Popeye Picnic, the Olympic Festival and the Prairie State Games, along with a specific promotion of the city of Fairview Heights, just to name a few.

Westhoff is best known as a local historian and lecturer. He is a Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Carol Kimmel Community Service Award recipient for leadership in historic preservation. He also is well-known as Maj. Mark Westhoff of the Bloody Ninth.

Westhoff of the Bloody Ninth.

## Irwin attends mortician meeting

Randall Irwin of Irwin Chapel attended the 78th annual meeting of National Selected Morticians Sept. 25-28 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C.

As a member of NSM, Irwin met with other leading funeral directors from North America in their pledge to provide responsible funeral service and the highest standards in personal service and facilities.

To expand professional skills, Irwin attended special educational seminars and study sessions on "How to successfully deal with the changing funeral service market place," "Real people, real life, real wings" and "Competitive strategies in funeral service."

Like each NSM member firm, Irwin is pledged to a rigid code of good funeral practice. This code sets forth a clear statement as

to the obligations, social responsibilities and high standards of professional conduct to be observed by members of the National Selected Morticians.

Membership in NSM is by invitation only, emphasized NSM executive director Fred L. Bates. A funeral service firm must meet exacting standards of service and facilities. They also must have a history of exemplary performance in developing an excellent reputation or responsible service. Only after this thorough evaluation can a firm be invited into NSM membership.

Irwin has been a member of NSM since 1993. NSM firms are located in key cities across the United States and Canada, with international members throughout the free world.

## Prosser discusses Social Security

What is the future of Social Security? Will Social Security be around by the time today's workers retire? What steps are being taken to fix the system?

These and other questions will be answered Thursday, Nov. 2, when Jeffrey M. Prosser, the Edward D. Jones and Co. investment representative in Granite City, hosts a live satellite broadcast, featuring former U.S. Sen. John Danforth, co-author of the Bipartisan Commission Report on Entitlement and Tax Reform.

Danforth will discuss the status of Social Security and the proposed reforms.

"The debate on Social Security has a lot of people feeling confused and concerned," Prosser said. "We're pleased to offer people in Granite City an opportunity to learn firsthand about the problems facing the Social Security system and the proposed solutions to those problems."

The program will be broadcast live via Edward D. Jones' private satellite network to the

firm's more than 3,100 offices nationwide. The program will also be interactive, so viewers can call in and ask Danforth questions.

Edward D. Jones traces its roots to 1871. Today, it has more branches than any other brokerage firm in the nation. Its investment representatives serve more than two million clients.

For more information on the Nov. 2 broadcast or to reserve a seat, contact Prosser at 452-5040.

## Business briefs

### It's Showtime Video under new ownership

It's Showtime Video, 504 and 518 E. Chain of Rocks Road, will be under new ownership, as of Oct. 30. The new owners would like to extend their invitation to the community to come to their grand reopening from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

A hot dog and soda will be offered for 25 cents during the grand reopening. Also available will be a two-liter bottle of Pepsi for 50 cents, when you rent a new release.

Call 797-2791 for more information and store hours.

### Dr. Jamil attends medical programs

Dr. M. Jamil attended a workshop by CIMRO (Central Illinois Medical Review Organization) held Sept. 21 at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville.

CIMRO is a medical utilization management company which was founded as a non-profit organization in 1972 and is based in Champaign with a local office in Belleville. It

reviews (for medical necessity and quality assurance) medical, surgical, psychiatric, substance abuse, home health and rehabilitation services.

The workshop was for reviewer physicians who are members of CIMRO. It consisted of actual case discussions.

Jamil has been a member of CIMRO since 1975 and is board-certified by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He serves as a member of the continuity of care committee of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

### Dr. M. Jamil attended a medical symposium

entitled "Progress in Treating Depression: A Primary Care Update" Sept. 23 in St. Louis.

The program was presented by CME Inc. in Santa Ana, Calif., and was supported by Smith-Kline-Beecham Pharmaceuticals. The topics were the prevalence of depression and

its recognition in primary care and improved treatment for depression, including safe and effective treatment while avoiding drug interaction.

The faculty was from California and Michigan. A large number of physicians from the bi-state area attended the meeting.

### Business Expo '95 will be Nov. 16

The Collinsville Chamber of Commerce and the Gateway Center will be sponsoring the third annual Southwestern Business Expo to be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 from noon-8 p.m. at the Gateway Center in Collinsville.

The Gateway Center and Service America will be hosting a Business After Hours from 5 to 8 p.m. to cost \$3 per person. That will include hors d'oeuvres and plenty of beverages. Prepaid invitations can be obtained through the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to customers or others an exhibitor might want to invite. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 344-2884.

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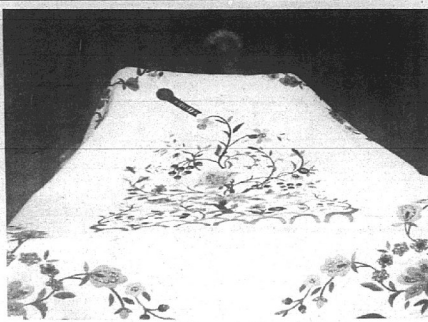
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# Society



Dorothy Ashford with her first-place quilt, "Cathedral Window."



Arlene Hickam with her second-place quilt.



Lois Weeks with her third-place quilt, "Embroidered."

## Jolly Quilters hold show

The Jolly Quilters of Chouteau Township Social Center rated their recent and first-ever quilt show a success. They had 53 quilts on display and a very good attendance. Each visitor was given a ballot on which they could vote for their three favorite entries.

Among the quilts displayed was one made of satin and velvet scraps. These scraps were from leftover materials from the cutting room of a Boston society "Lady" tailor, who gave the scraps to Mary Earls' (Hills Terrace in Granite City) great-grandmother sometime in the 1880s. (The great-grandmother then pieced the quilt, which is still in Mary's family.)

Another interesting quilt was made of printed feed sacks, pre 1940s, when not only quilts but wearing apparel, especially school dresses, were made of them.

Between these two extremes were many other quilts. Some unique, some unusual and some with brilliant color and design. Those winning a ribbon and their winning entry were: Dorothy Ashford, who won first place with her "Cathedral Windows," a quilt with a unique and unusual design. Second place went to Arlene Hickam for "Majestic," an applique design. Third place was a tie between Lois Weeks for her embroidered "Homestead" quilt and Maxine Duniphan with a "Friendship" quilt, which was ecru on ecru with a different embroidery stitch and a different design on each block. Then, each block was outlined with ecru lace.

The two runner-up ribbons were captured by Shirley Knatcal with her "Log Cabin," a masterpiece in shades of blue and green, and Mathilda York with her "Yo Yo" quilt.

Those mentioned above are only eight of the 53 displayed. All had their points of interest.



Shirley Knatcal with her quilt, "Log Cabin," which received an honorable mention.

Maxine Duniphan with her third-place quilt.



Mathilda York with her quilt, "Yo Yo," which received an honorable mention.

## Military

### Christopher Trudeau

Christopher R. Trudeau, son of Hella Grider of Granite City, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program. Trudeau, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on April 11, 1996. Upon graduation from Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

Trudeau will be earning credits toward an associate

degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

### Charles Chambers

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Charles D. Chambers, son of Thurston and Gloria Chambers of Venice, is serving forward deployed aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Normandy, which recently fired 13 Tomahawk cruise missiles at Bosnian Serb Military Installations in support of the United Nations' efforts in Bosnia.

Chambers is one of 380 sail-

ors serving aboard the high-tech warship, which had just arrived in the Mediterranean Sea from Norfolk, Va., when it was ordered to proceed at top speed to the Adriatic Sea. Chambers and fellow shipmates had been in the Adriatic, near the former Yugoslavian republic, only a few hours when the order came to fire the missiles. Chambers' ship fired the 13-missile salvo in support of NATO's effort to compel Bosnian Serb Compliance with United Nations resolutions.

The cruise missile attack was part of the NATO air strikes that had begun Aug. 30.

The ship's cruise missile capability offered NATO commanders an additional option for accurate ordnance delivery. A Tomahawk cruise missile can be launched by a ship or submarine at sea and fly hundreds of miles to its intended target with great accuracy.

Chambers and fellow shipmates are participating in a six-month overseas deployment with the USS America Battle Group. The battle group spent the past year training for the variety of situations they might encounter during the deployment.

The USS Normandy crew launched the Tomahawk cruise missiles within minutes after receiving authorization to fire, which demonstrated their extensive training, teamwork and ability to arrive ready for combat operations 4,000 miles from home.

Chambers' ship is equipped with a high-tech air tracking radar and combat system that can process information on more than 100 targets at a time. The 567-foot-long ship can travel nearly 700 miles a day and can combat submarines, ships and aircraft.

The 1991 graduate of Venice High School joined the Navy in July 1991.

### James Moulton

Army National Guard Private First Class James A. Moulton has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapon infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Moulton is the son of Andrew and Joan D. Moulton of Granite City.

He is a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School.

### Avery Crawford

Army Spec. Avery D. Crawford Sr. has arrived for duty at Yong-san Garrison, Seoul, South Korea.

Crawford, a target acquisition-surveillance radar repairer, is the son of Alfred D. Crawford of Madison.

He is a 1992 graduate of Madison Senior High School.

### Ryan McIntyre

Army Private First Class Ryan J. McIntyre has arrived for duty at Fort Hood, Texas. McIntyre, a cannon crew member, is the son of Rita Starnes of Brooklyn.

He is a 1990 graduate of Lovejoy High School in Brooklyn.

## Members initiated

— Eagles Auxiliary #126 has initiated many new members. In photo above left are, from left, Shirley Paschedag, Connie Paschedag, Auxiliary President Joanna Spencer and Theresa Hayden.

Above right are Spencer and new initiate Sandra Townsend.

At right are Lillie "Curlew" seated left, and Mary Dermott, seated right and Spencer, standing.

At left are, from left, Spencer, Agnes "Aggie" Huber and Robin Scaturro.























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